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It's William Van Horn Reunion Month! Well, not really, if only because no such holiday yet exists. Then again, why not launch it with this issue? "Zenith," our lead-off Donald Duck ten-pager, packs a triple punch of recurring characters created by our prized writer/artist.

Van Horn began adding to Disney mythology with "Lost on a Dog" (*Uncle Scrooge Adventures* 8, 1988), and he started small—if not microscopic. Baron Itzy Bitzy, the world's only whistling flea, does little besides bite and make music. But in Bill's deliciously clever world, that makes the bug a celebrity!

Catfaced con man Woimly Filcher debuted in "Meteor Madness" (*Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 598, 1995). Since then he's been everything from a bandit to an anvil saleslady's boyfriend. This month Woimly is a mountain climber, and tackles the task with his standard number of scruples. None, that is.

Rounding out the "Zenith" cast is Rumpus McFowl, Scrooge's lazy half-brother. When he first appeared in "It's All Relative" (*WDC&S* 593, 1994), McFowl in fact believed he was only a distant cousin. Scrooge tried to keep the truth buried, for fear that Rumpus would exploit it as a money-mooching device. Of course, soon enough, that's exactly how things shook out.

—David Gerstein

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Bucky Bug **WAY OUT WEST**	**Story & Art:** Carl Buettner (*WDC* 54, March 1945) **Color:** Kneon Transitt
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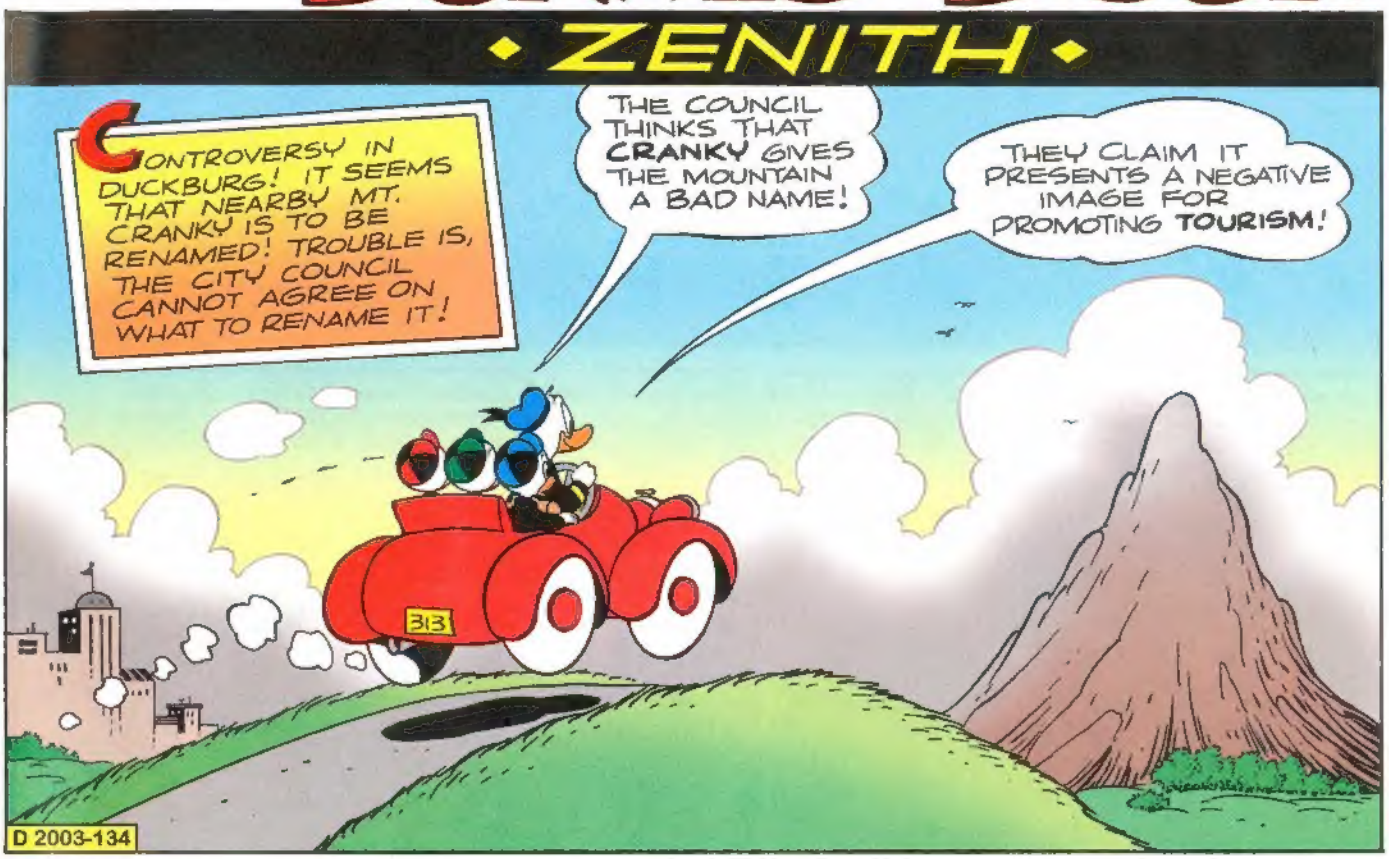
CONTROVERSY IN DUCKBURG! IT SEEMS THAT NEARBY MT. CRANKY IS TO BE RENAMED! TROUBLE IS, THE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT AGREE ON WHAT TO RENAME IT!
THE COUNCIL THINKS THAT CRANKY GIVES THE MOUNTAIN A BAD NAME!
THEY CLAIM IT PRESENTS A NEGATIVE IMAGE FOR PROMOTING TOURISM!
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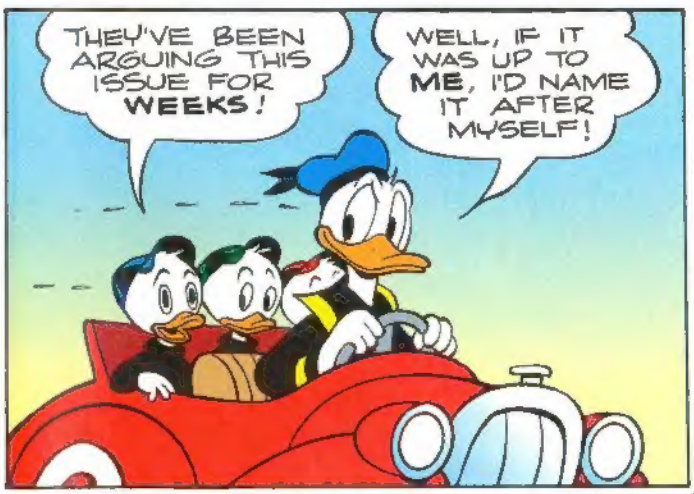
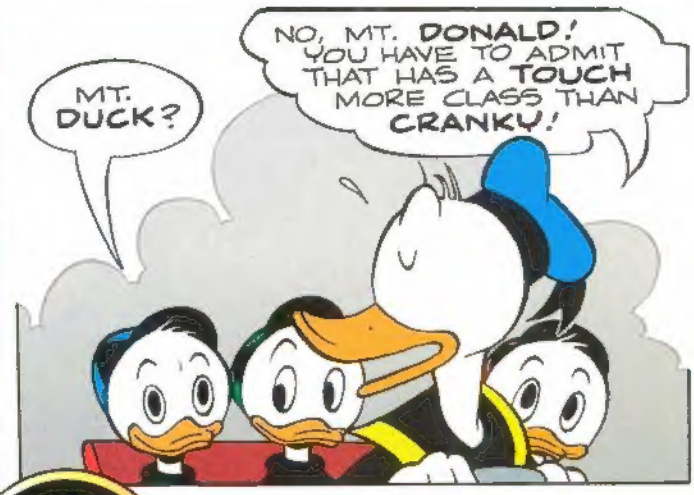
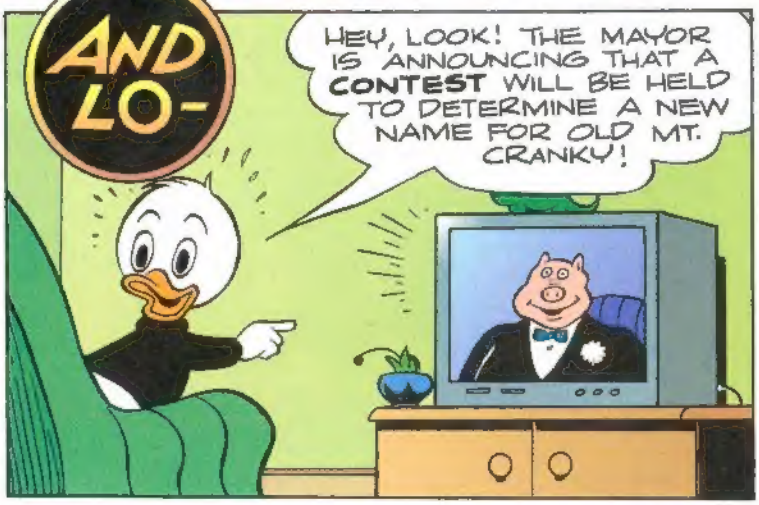
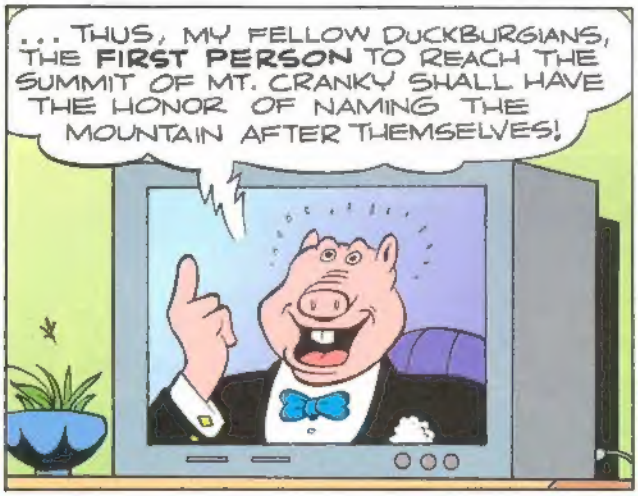
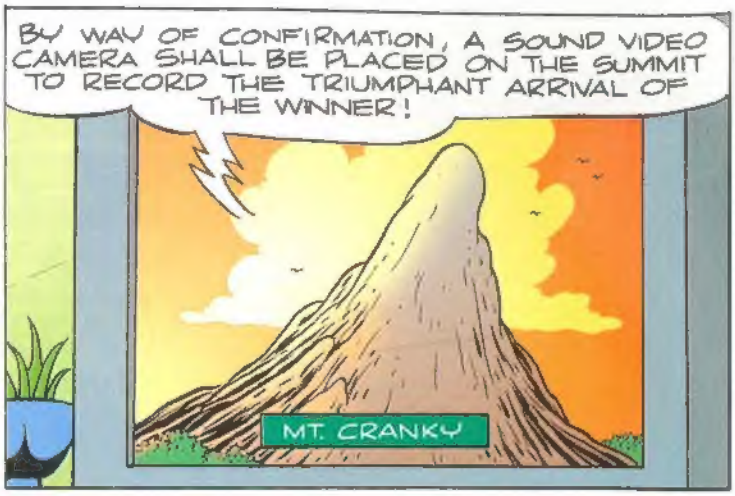
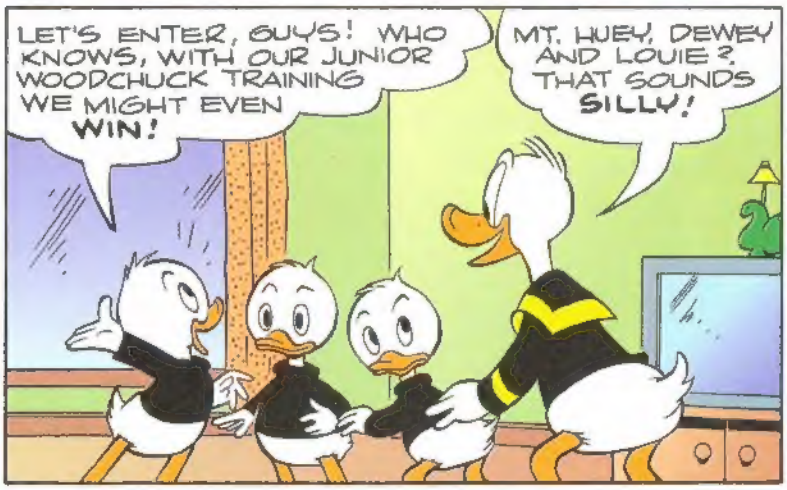


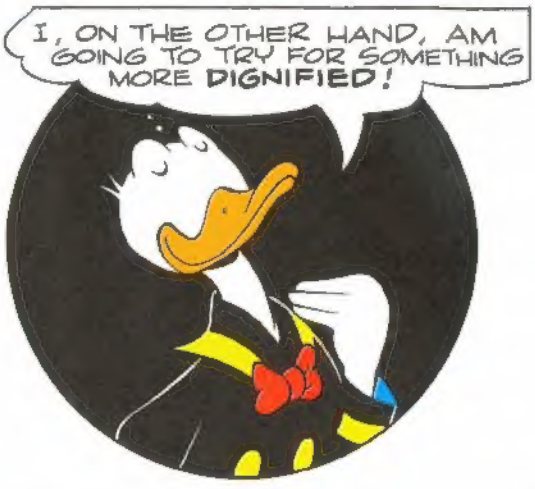


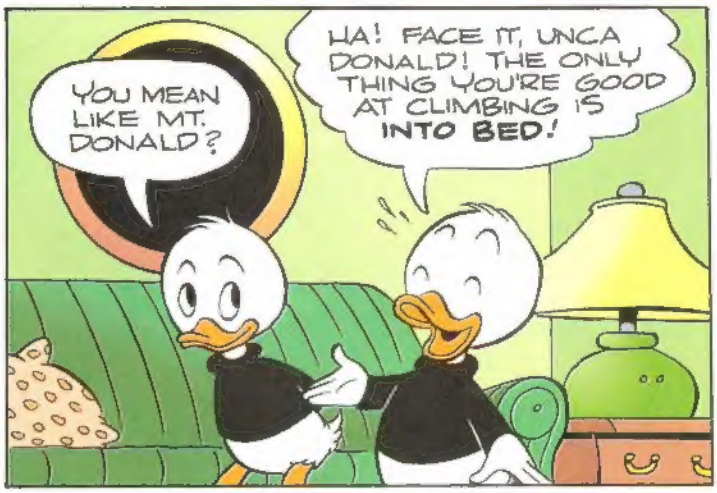


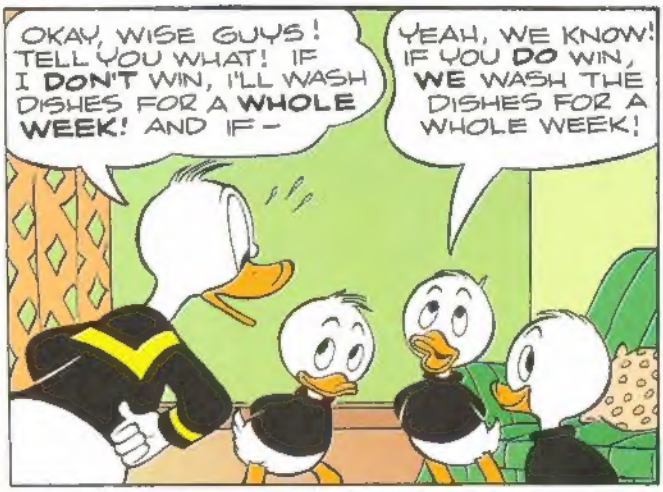

... THUS, MY FELLOW DUCKBURGIANS, THE **FIRST PERSON** TO REACH THE SUMMIT OF MT. CRANKY SHALL HAVE THE HONOR OF NAMING THE MOUNTAIN AFTER THEMSELVES!

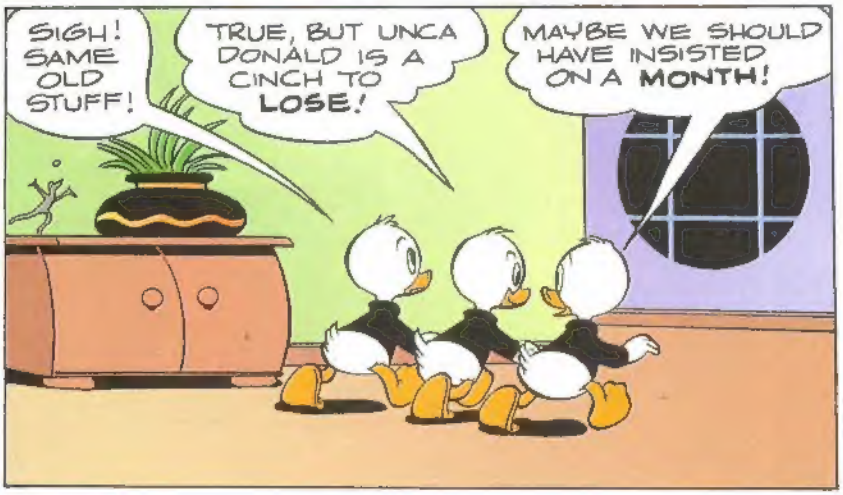

BY WAY OF CONFIRMATION, A SOUND VIDEO CAMERA SHALL BE PLACED ON THE SUMMIT TO RECORD THE TRIUMPHANT ARRIVAL OF THE WINNER!
MT. CRANKY


LET'S ENTER, GUYS! WHO KNOWS, WITH OUR JUNIOR WOODCHUCK TRAINING WE MIGHT EVEN **WIN!**
MT. HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE?. THAT SOUNDS **SILLY!**


I, ON THE OTHER HAND, AM GOING TO TRY FOR SOMETHING MORE **DIGNIFIED!**

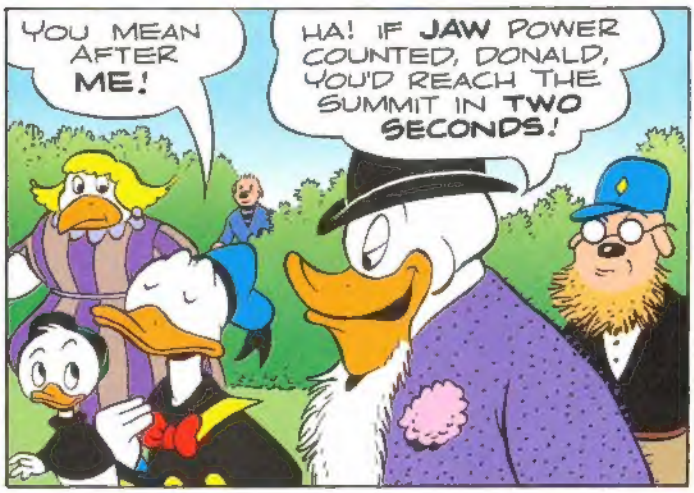

YOU MEAN LIKE MT. DONALD?
HA! FACE IT, UNCA DONALD! THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GOOD AT CLIMBING IS **INTO BED!**

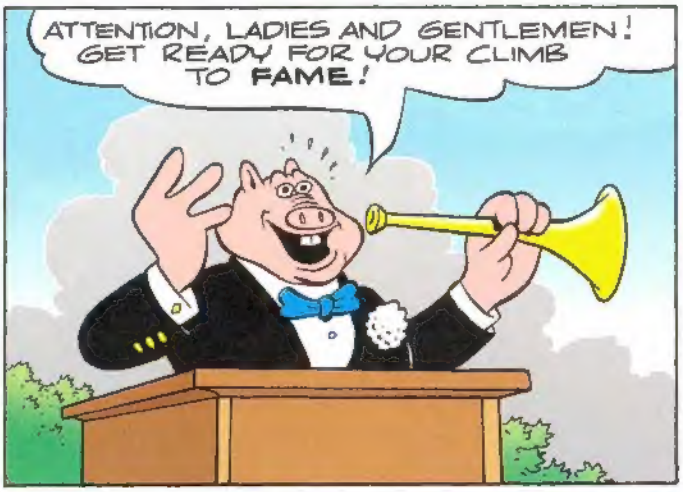

OKAY, WISE GUYS! TELL YOU WHAT! IF I **DON'T** WIN, I'LL WASH DISHES FOR A **WHOLE WEEK!** AND IF –
YEAH, WE KNOW! IF YOU **DO** WIN, **WE** WASH THE DISHES FOR A WHOLE WEEK!


SIGH! SAME OLD STUFF!
TRUE, BUT UNCA DONALD IS A CINCH TO **LOSE!**
MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE INSISTED ON A **MONTH!**

LET'S NOT GET TOO COCKY! AFTER ALL, THE MAIN THING IS FOR **US** TO WIN!

THE DAY OF THE CONTEST ARRIVES, AND WITH IT, SEVERAL TONS OF CONTESTANTS!
BOY! SOME OF THESE PEOPLE CANNOT POSSIBLY CLIMB A MOUNTAIN! WHY ARE THEY HERE?
DREAMS! AFTER ALL, IT ISN'T EVERY DAY THAT YOU GET A CHANCE TO NAME A MOUNTAIN AFTER YOURSELF!
START


YOU MEAN AFTER ME!
HA! IF JAW POWER COUNTED, DONALD, YOU'D REACH THE SUMMIT IN TWO SECONDS!


ATTENTION, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! GET READY FOR YOUR CLIMB TO FAME!

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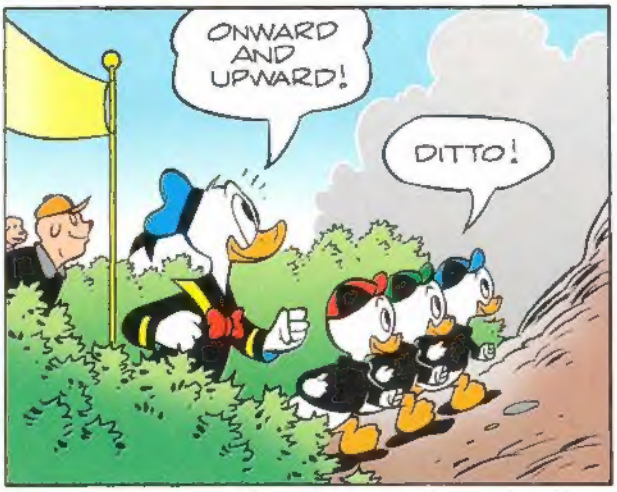
WITH GRIT AND DETERMINATION, THE CHALLENGERS SET FORTH!


ONWARD AND UPWARD!
DITTO!

WELL, MOST OF THEM!
HA! UNCA RUMPUS IS ASLEEP ALREADY!
PROBABLY JUST AS WELL! MT. RUMPUS WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF AN IMPROVEMENT!
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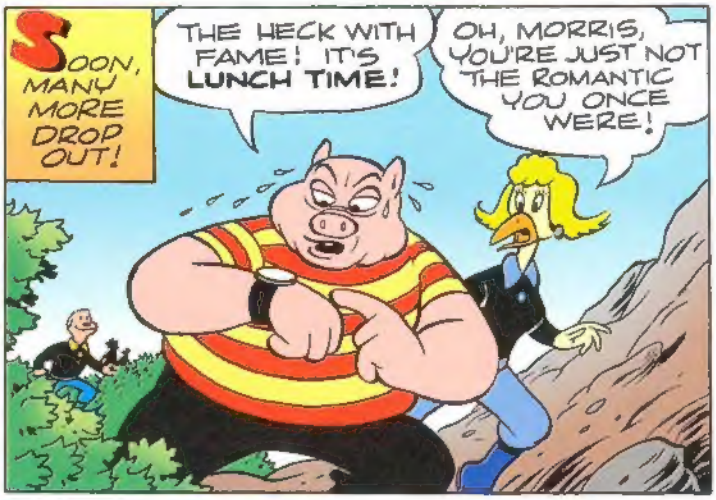
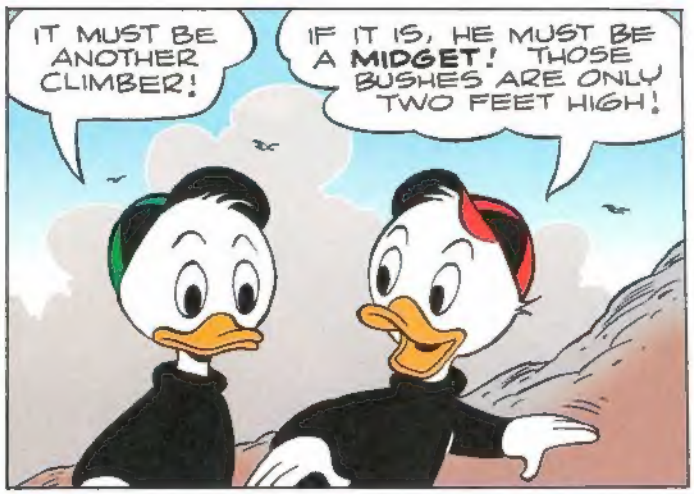
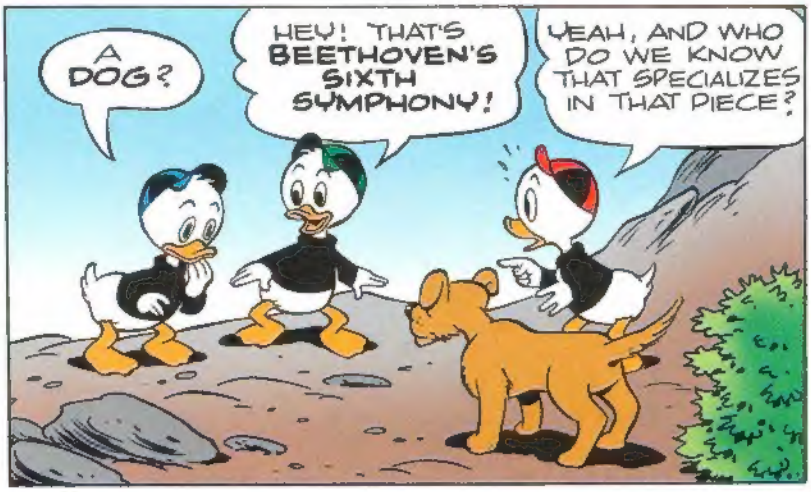
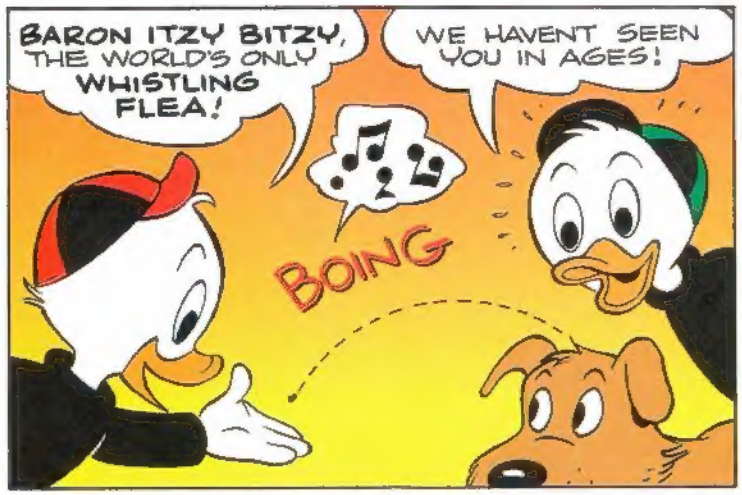

SOON, MANY MORE DROP OUT!
THE HECK WITH FAME! IT'S LUNCH TIME!
OH, MORRIS, YOU'RE JUST NOT THE ROMANTIC YOU ONCE WERE!

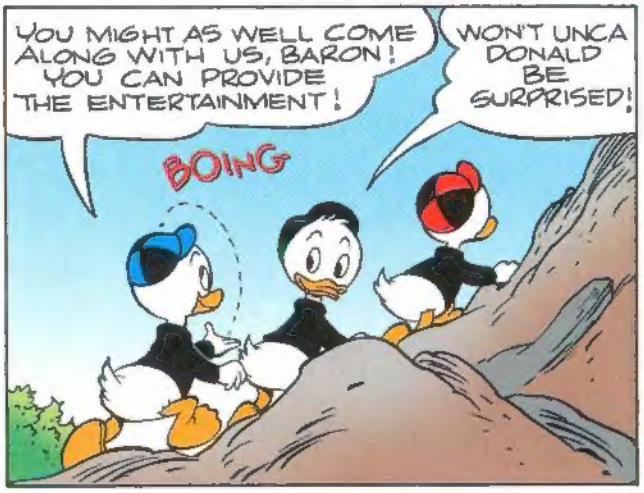
UNTIL AT LAST ONLY DONALD, THE BOYS AND TWO OTHER GUYS ARE LEFT!
OH, NO!
ONE OF WHOM TURNS OUT TO BE NONE OTHER THAN...
WOIMLY FILCHER! WHAT THE DICKENS ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHATTAYA THINK, DUCKO? I'M GONNA HAVE A MOUNTAIN NAMED AFTER ME!
HAW!
MT. FILCHER? DUCKBURG WOULD BE BETTER OFF TO STICK WITH CRANKY!
HAW, YERSELF!
'CAUSE WHEN I WIN, IT AIN'T GONNA BE MT. FILCHER! IT'S GONNA BE MT. WOIMLY!
OH, BROTHER!
HEAVEN HELP DUCKBURG!
IT GIVES US ALL THE MORE REASON TO WIN!
LET'S TAKE THE SOUTH SLOPE! ACCORDING TO THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS GUIDEBOOK, IT'S THE SAFEST AND THE EASIEST!
HEY! LISTEN TO THAT!
WHISTLING!

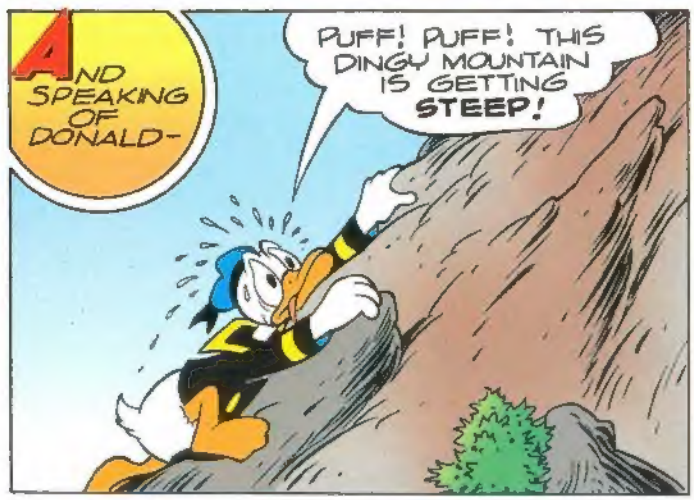

IT MUST BE ANOTHER CLIMBER!
IF IT IS, HE MUST BE A **MIDGET!** THOSE BUSHES ARE ONLY TWO FEET HIGH!

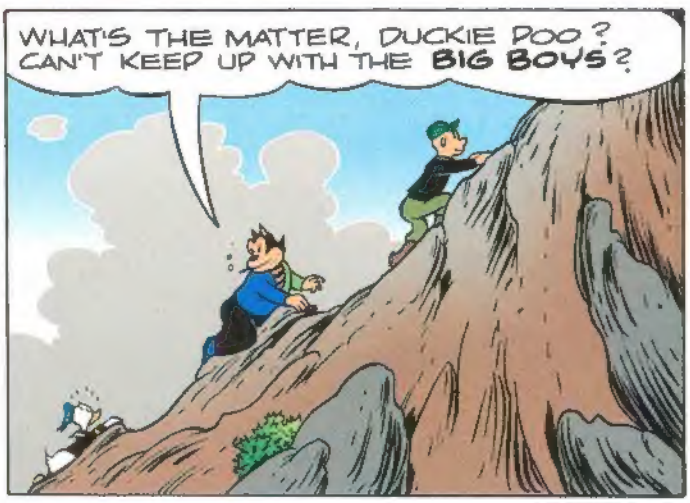
THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY **FAMILIAR** ABOUT THAT WHISTLING!

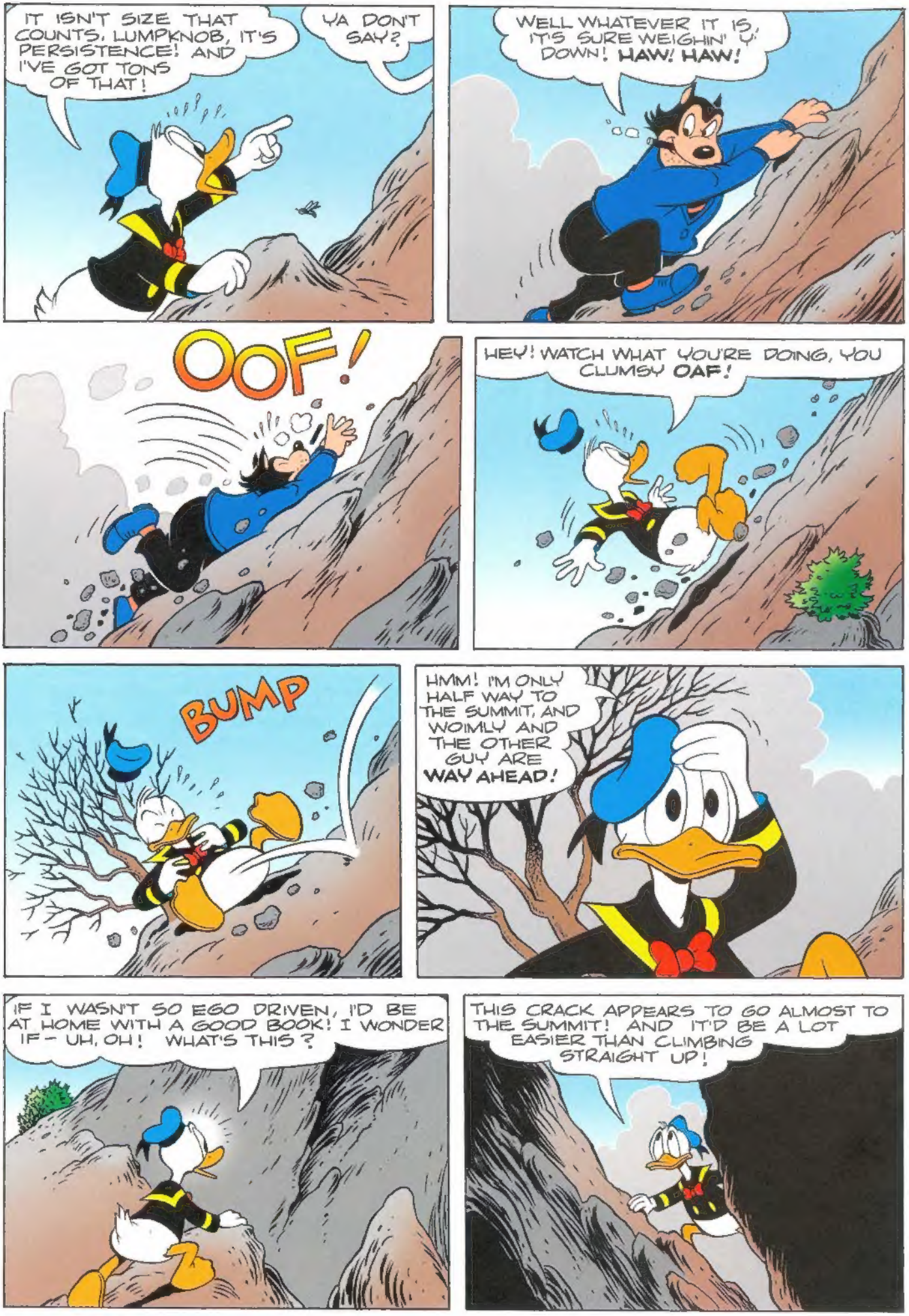

A DOG?
HEY! THAT'S **BEETHOVEN'S SIXTH SYMPHONY!**
YEAH, AND WHO DO WE KNOW THAT SPECIALIZES IN THAT PIECE?


BARON ITZY BITZY, THE WORLD'S ONLY **WHISTLING FLEA!**
WE HAVENT SEEN YOU IN AGES!
BOING


YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME ALONG WITH US, BARON! YOU CAN PROVIDE THE ENTERTAINMENT!
WON'T UNCA DONALD BE SURPRISED!
BOING


AND SPEAKING OF DONALD-
PUFF! PUFF! THIS DINGY MOUNTAIN IS GETTING **STEEP!**


WHAT'S THE MATTER, DUCKIE DOO? CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE **BIG BOYS?**


IT ISN'T SIZE THAT COUNTS, LUMPKNOB, IT'S PERSISTENCE! AND I'VE GOT TONS OF THAT!
YA DON'T SAY?
WELL WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S SURE WEIGHIN' Y' DOWN! HAW! HAW!
OOF!
HEY! WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOING, YOU CLUMSY OAF!
BUMP
HMM! I'M ONLY HALF WAY TO THE SUMMIT, AND WOIMLY AND THE OTHER GUY ARE WAY AHEAD!
IF I WASN'T SO EGO DRIVEN, I'D BE AT HOME WITH A GOOD BOOK! I WONDER IF - UH, OH! WHAT'S THIS?
THIS CRACK APPEARS TO GO ALMOST TO THE SUMMIT! AND IT'D BE A LOT EASIER THAN CLIMBING STRAIGHT UP!

IN FACT, THIS JUST MAY TURN OUT TO BE A CINCH! HEH! HEH!
MEANWHILE-
THIS ISN'T BAD AT ALL!
COUNT ON THE GOOD OLD GUIDEBOOK!
I WONDER HOW UNCA DONALD IS DOING?
PROBABLY SPENDING ALL HIS TIME FIGHTING WITH WOIMLY!
AH, YES. WOIMLY!
CRIMINEY ON CREAM CHEESE! WHAT IS THAT GUY? HALF MOUNTAIN GOAT?
AT LEAST THERE'S NO SIGN OF THAT DISMAL DUCK! HE'S PROBABLY THROWN IN THE TOWEL!
HEH! HEH!
HOT DOG! ANOTHER TWENTY FEET AND I'M OUT OF THIS CRACK! THEN IT'S JUST A SHORT HOP TO THE SUMMIT!

HOWDY, SMOKENOSE! WHAT'S BEEN KEEPING YOU?
YOU AGAIN! WELL, I GOT BAD NEWS FOR YOU, QUACKFACE! I DON'T THINK EITHER OF US CAN BEAT THAT OTHER GUY!
LOOK AT HIM! HE'S PRACTICALLY TO THE SUMMIT ALREADY!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, FILCHER! A DUCK NEVER QUITS!
RING
YEAH . . . WHAT? REALLY?
YAHOO!
THE HECK WITH MOUNTAINS AND FAME! I'VE JUST INHERITED A DOORKNOB FACTORY IN KANSAS! I'LL BE FLAT-OUT RICH!
TIME TO MAKE HAY!
ONE SIDE, PIPSQUEAK! THIS MOUNTAIN IS MINE!
FINE! SAY HELLO TO IT UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!
OOF!
THUD

IN THE MEANTIME, I THINK I'LL JUST CLAIM MY PLACE IN HISTORY!
NOT TODAY, DUCKY BOY!
YANK
YOICKS! WE'RE SLIDIN'!
LET GO, YOU DINK! DO YOUR LAMEBRAINED SLIDING BY YOURSELF!
ARE YOU TWO HAVING A NICE TRIP?
DON'T FORGET TO WRITE!
OW!
YOWCH!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, YOU TIN-HORN TWO-BIT HISTORICAL WANNABE!
OH, YEAH? WELL LISTEN UP, SHOVEL SNOUT! I'VE GOT MORE HISTORY IN MY LITTLE TOE THAN YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!
WE'VE DONE IT, MEN! ONLY SIX MORE FEET TO GO!
VICTORY WILL BE SO-
BOING

WELL I'LL BE DOUBLE DOGGONED IN TECHNICOLOR!
WHAT HAPPENED?
THE BARON JUST HOPPED THE LAST THREE FEET HIMSELF!
BUT... BUT THAT MEANS...
RIGHT! HE'S THE WINNER!

AND SO, IN AN AUGUST CEREMONY, MT. CRANKY WAS OFFICIALLY RENAMED! AND IN THE AFTERMATH...

MT. ITSY BITZY! HMF! NOT MUCH OF AN IMPROVEMENT, IF YOU ASK ME!
MAYBE, MAYBE NOT! BUT ONE THING IS FOR SURE! TOURISM IS BOUND TO IMPROVE NOW!
HOW ON EARTH DO YOU FIGURE THAT?
THINK ABOUT IT, UNCA DONALD! WHERE ELSE CAN SOMEONE VISIT A MOUNTAIN THAT'S NAMED AFTER A FLEA?

WALT DISNEY'S

MICKEY MOUSE

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MONTMORENCY RODENT, MINNIE'S SLICK NEW BOYFRIEND, SHOWS MICKEY UP TIME AND AGAIN! THEN ONE DAY...

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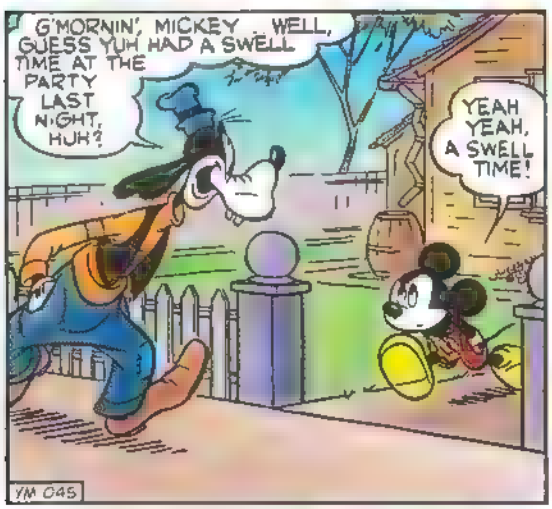
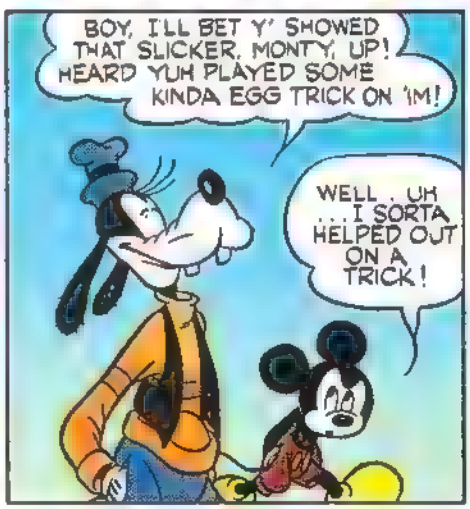
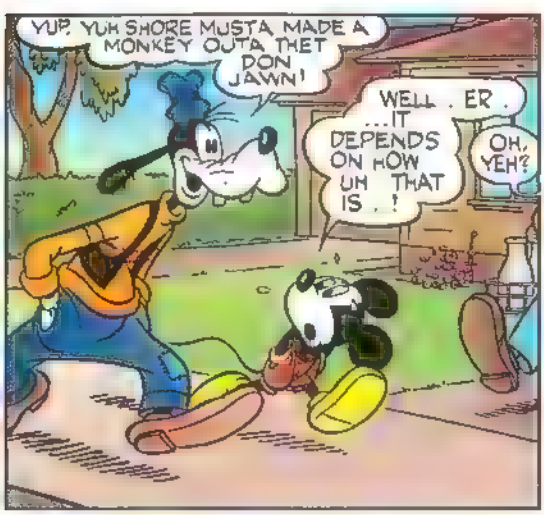
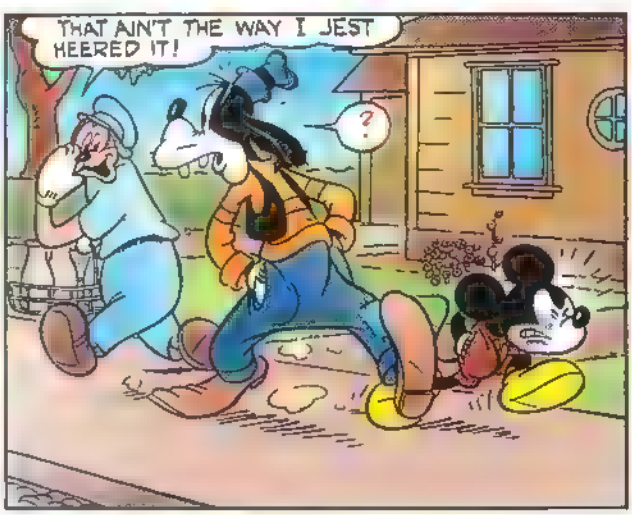
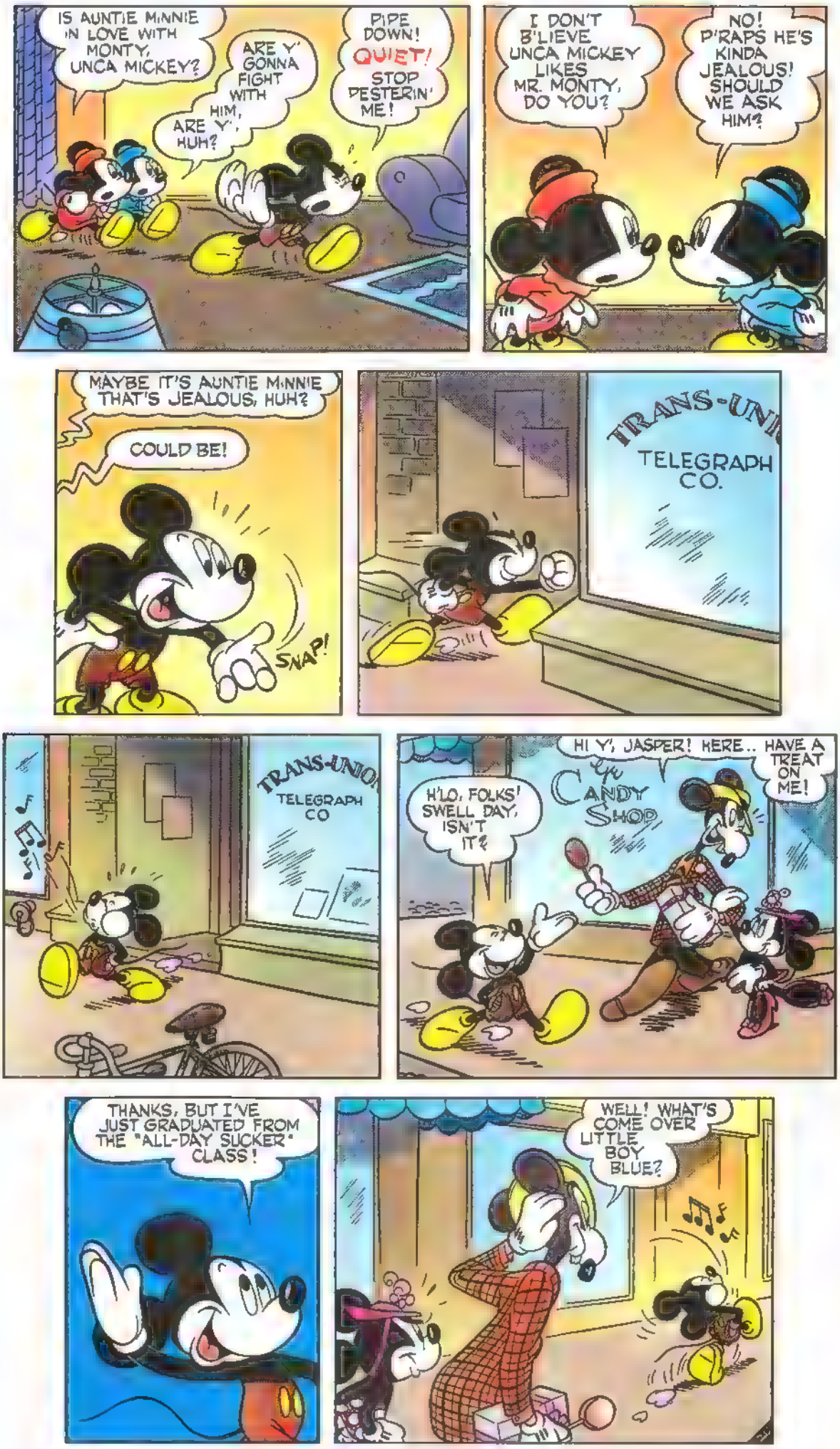








OH, YEAH? WUZ YOU AT THUH PARTY?
YAA .YAA! LOST YER GIRL, DIDN'T YUH?
YAA! CITY SLICKER STOLE YER G'RL! CAN'T KID ME.. MY UNCLE JOE WAS THERE!
DOES MINNIE LIKE MONTY BETTER N YOU, MR MOUSE?
ARE Y' GONNA FIGHT?
AWW, YOU'RE SCAIRT TO FIGHT, I BET!
CAN MONTY LICK Y', MR MOUSE?
Cheri' DRESS SHOP
WONDER WHAT HE DID THAT FOR?
MAYBE HE WAS TRYIN' IT ON!
YOU CAN COME OUT NOW, MR MOUSE!
YAA. YAA! SOMEBODY STOLE YER GIRL FRIEND! YAAA!
WHEW! GUESS I'VE SHAKEN THOSE PESTS! GOSH, HAS EVERYBODY IN TOWN HEARD ABOUT ME?
HOME AT LAST! AND IF I'VE GOT ANY SENSE I'LL STAY HERE, WHERE I CAN'T BE PESTERED WITH FOOL QUESTIONS!
IS IT TRUE, UNCA MICKEY... WHAT THEY SAY?
IS AUNTIE MINNIE GOING WITH A NEW BOY FRIEND?
OWW! YOU, TOO?


IS AUNTIE MINNIE IN LOVE WITH MONTY, UNCA MICKEY?
ARE Y' GONNA FIGHT WITH HIM, ARE Y', HUH?
PIPE DOWN! QUIET! STOP PESTERIN' ME!
I DON'T B'LIEVE UNCA MICKEY LIKES MR. MONTY, DO YOU?
NO! P'RAPS HE'S KINDA JEALOUS! SHOULD WE ASK HIM?
MAYBE IT'S AUNTIE MINNIE THAT'S JEALOUS, HUH?
COULD BE!
SNAP!
TRANS-UNI
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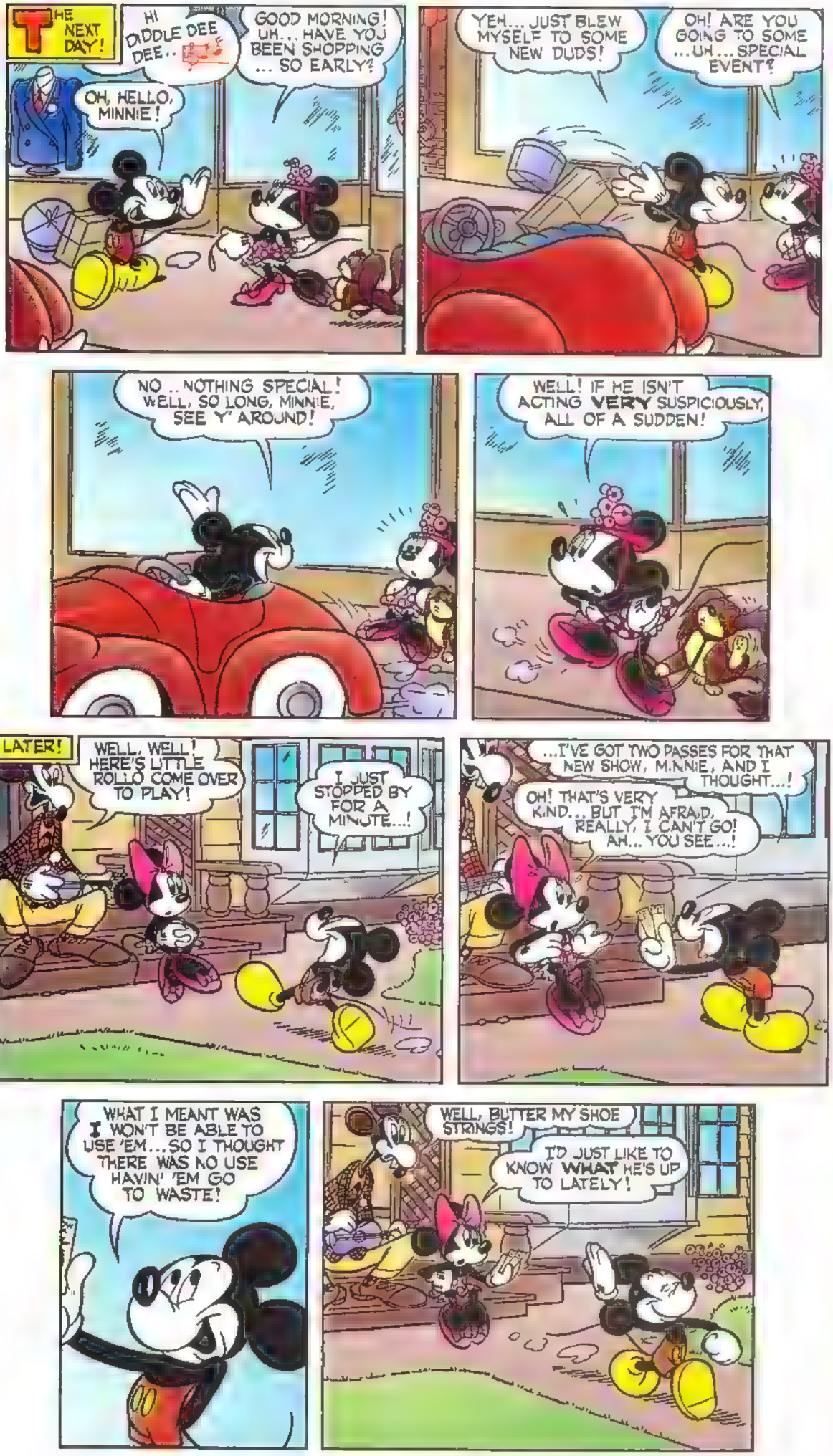
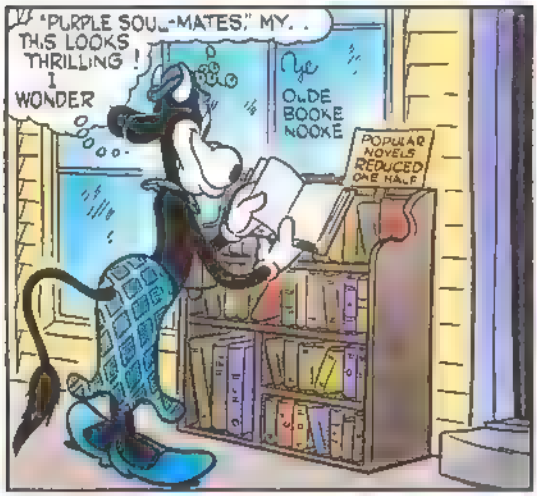
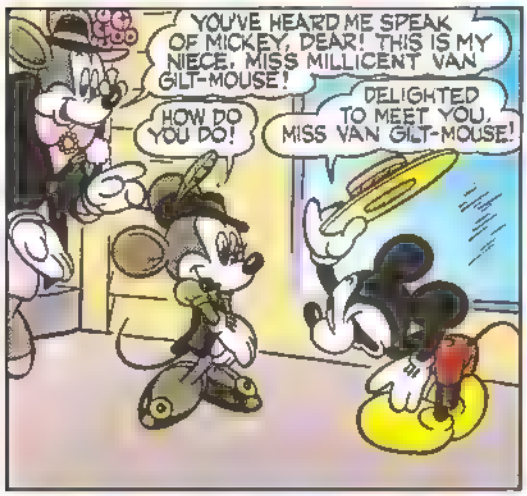
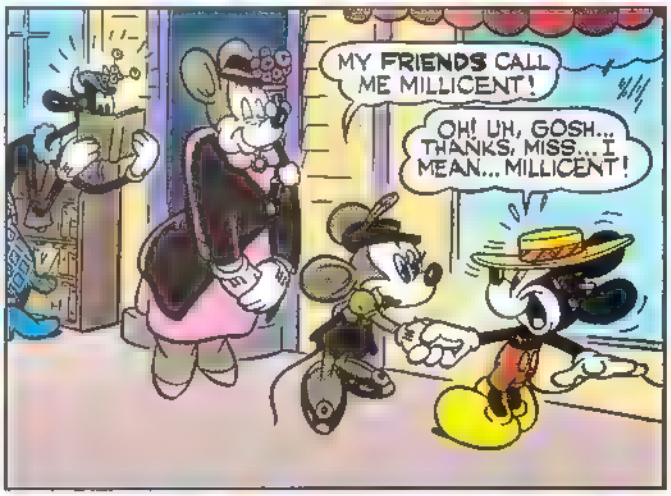
HI Y', JASPER! HERE.. HAVE A TREAT ON ME!
CANDY SHOP
H'LO, FOLKS! SWELL DAY, ISN'T IT?
THANKS, BUT I'VE JUST GRADUATED FROM THE "ALL-DAY SUCKER" CLASS!
WELL! WHAT'S COME OVER LITTLE BOY BLUE?

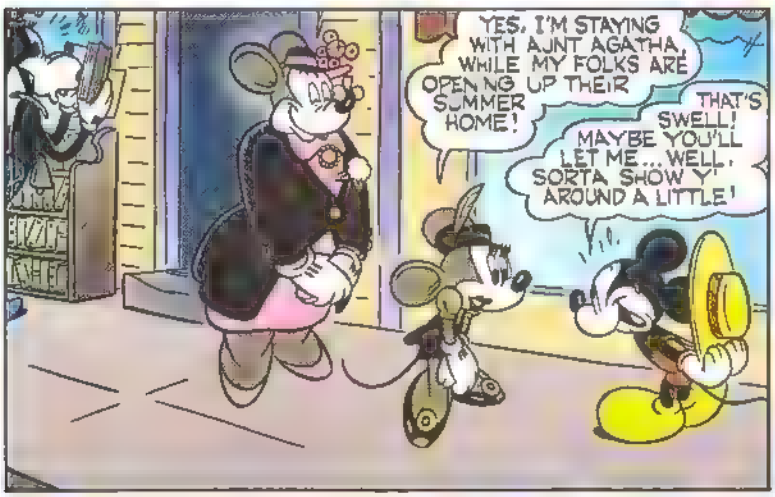

THE NEXT DAY!
HI DIDDLE DEE DEE..
GOOD MORNING! UH... HAVE YOJ BEEN SHOPPING ... SO EARLY?
OH, HELLO, MINNIE!
YEH... JUST BLEW MYSELF TO SOME NEW DUDS!
OH! ARE YOU GOING TO SOME ...UH... SPECIAL EVENT?
NO .. NOTHING SPECIAL! WELL, SO LONG, MINNIE, SEE Y' AROUND!
WELL! IF HE ISN'T ACTING VERY SUSPICIOUSLY, ALL OF A SUDDEN!
LATER!
WELL, WELL! HERE'S LITTLE ROLLO COME OVER TO PLAY!
I JUST STOPPED BY FOR A MINUTE...!
...I'VE GOT TWO PASSES FOR THAT NEW SHOW, MINNIE, AND I THOUGHT...!
OH! THAT'S VERY KIND.. BUT I'M AFRAID, REALLY, I CAN'T GO! AH... YOU SEE...!
WHAT I MEANT WAS I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE 'EM... SO I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO USE HAVIN' 'EM GO TO WASTE!
WELL, BUTTER MY SHOE STRINGS!
I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO LATELY!


"PURPLE SOUL-MATES," MY.. THIS LOOKS THRILLING! I WONDER
OLDE BOOKE NOOKE
POPULAR NOVELS REDUCED ONE HALF

WHY, MICKEY MOUSE... HOW DELIGHTFUL! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN AGES!
HOW D' DO, MRS. UPPACRUST! YES, IT'S BEEN QUITE A TIME!

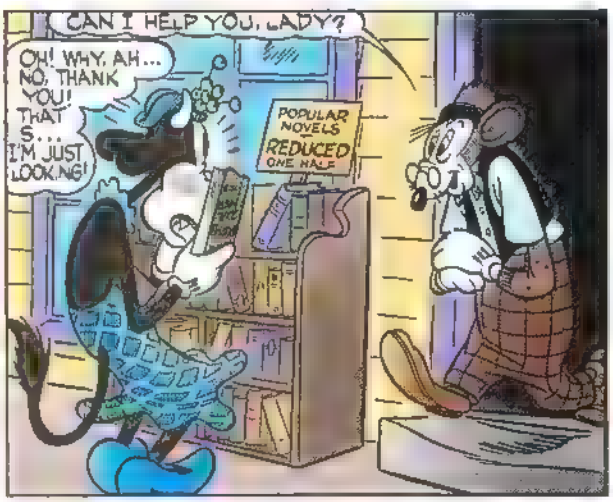

YOU'VE HEARD ME SPEAK OF MICKEY, DEAR! THIS IS MY NIECE, MISS MILLICENT VAN GILT-MOUSE!
HOW DO YOU DO!
DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU, MISS VAN GILT-MOUSE!

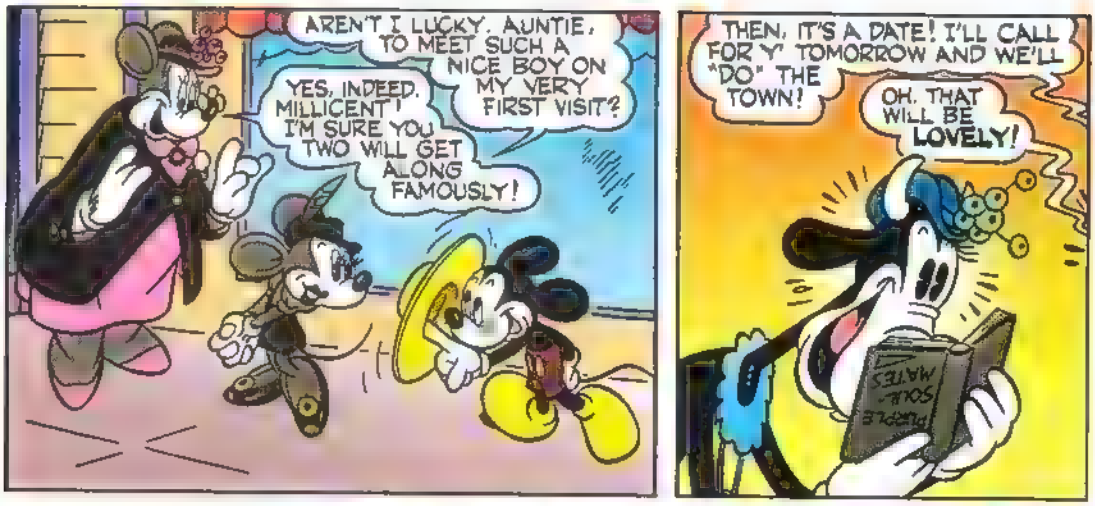

MY FRIENDS CALL ME MILLICENT!
OH! UH, GOSH... THANKS, MISS... I MEAN... MILLICENT!


YES, I'M STAYING WITH AUNT AGATHA, WHILE MY FOLKS ARE OPENING UP THEIR SUMMER HOME!
THAT'S SWELL! MAYBE YOU'LL LET ME... WELL, SORTA SHOW Y' AROUND A LITTLE!

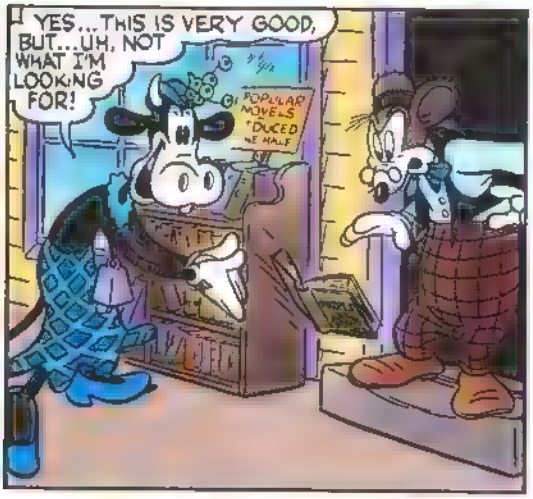
OH, HOW PERFECTLY DELIGHTFUL! IT'S SWEET OF YOU TO WANT TO GO TO ALL THAT TROUBLE!

SHUCKS, MILLICENT... THAT'D BE FUN!
MM-HMM! IS HE FALLING!
PURPLE SOUL-MATES

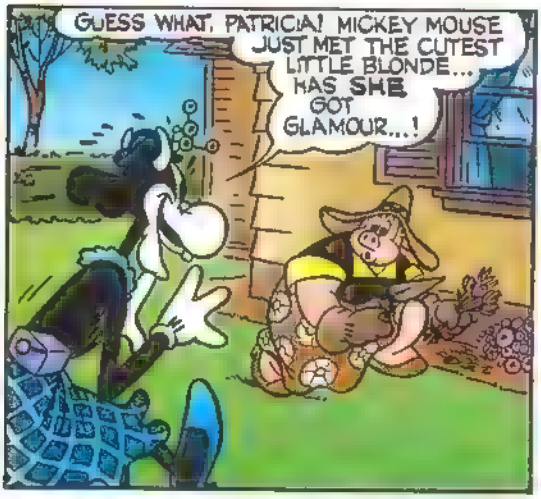

CAN I HELP YOU, LADY?
OH! WHY, AH... NO, THANK YOU! THAT S... I'M JUST LOOKING!
POPULAR NOVELS REDUCED ONE HALF


AREN'T I LUCKY, AUNTIE, TO MEET SUCH A NICE BOY ON MY VERY FIRST VISIT?
YES, INDEED, MILLICENT! I'M SURE YOU TWO WILL GET ALONG FAMOUSLY!

THEN, IT'S A DATE! I'LL CALL FOR Y' TOMORROW AND WE'LL "DO" THE TOWN!
OH, THAT WILL BE LOVELY!

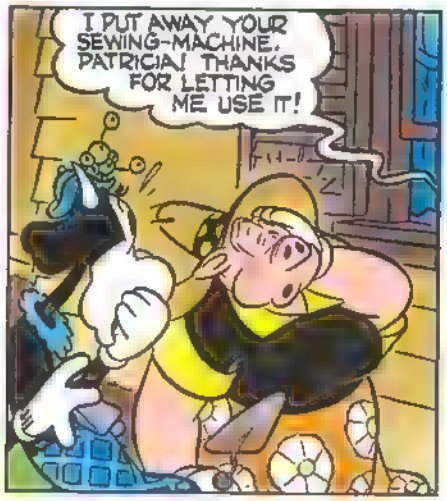

YES...THIS IS VERY GOOD, BUT...UH, NOT WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!

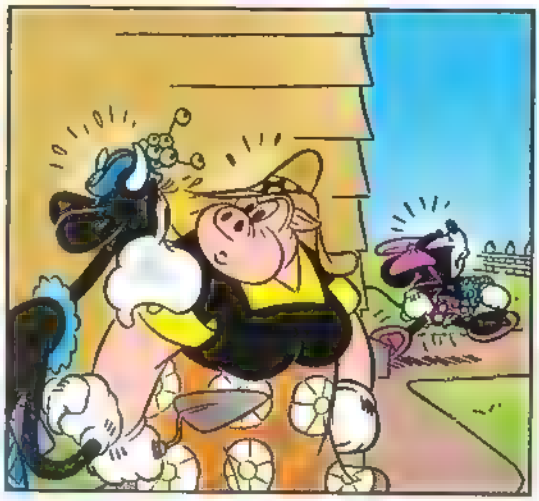
HAVE I GOT SOMETHING TO TELL... BUT, OF COURSE, I WOULDN'T BREATHE IT TO A SOUL!

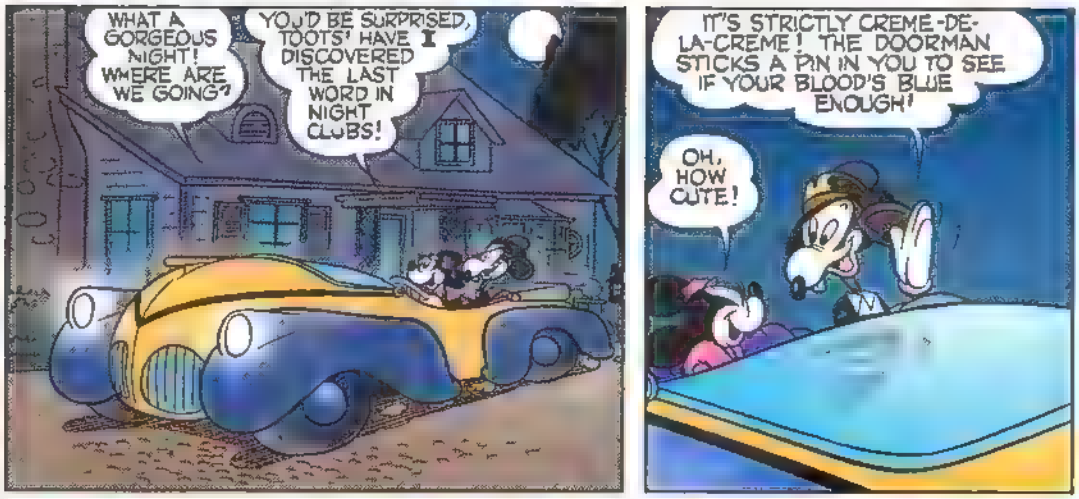

GUESS WHAT, PATRICIA! MICKEY MOUSE JUST MET THE CUTEST LITTLE BLONDE... HAS SHE GOT GLAMOUR...!

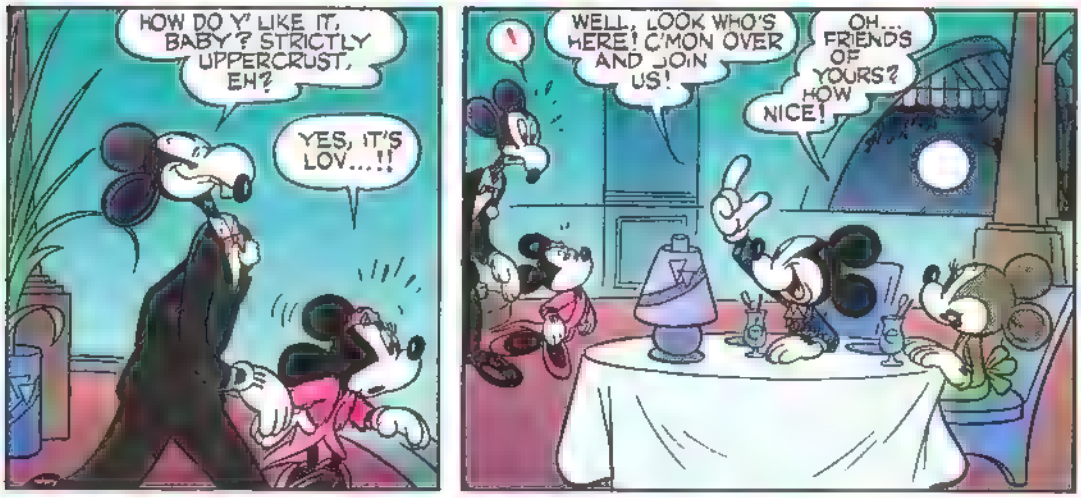
...SHE'S MRS. UPPACRUST'S NIECE... AND DID HE FALL FOR HER! MY DEAR, YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE...!
SHHH-H-H..!

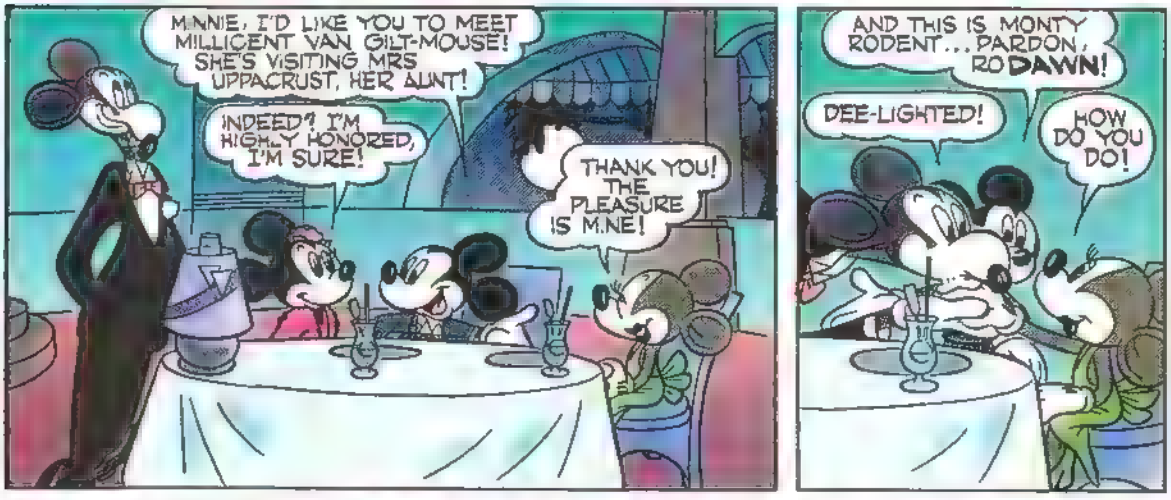
...YOU COULD TELL HOW GA-GA HE WAS BY... WHAT ARE YOU SHUSHING ME FOR?

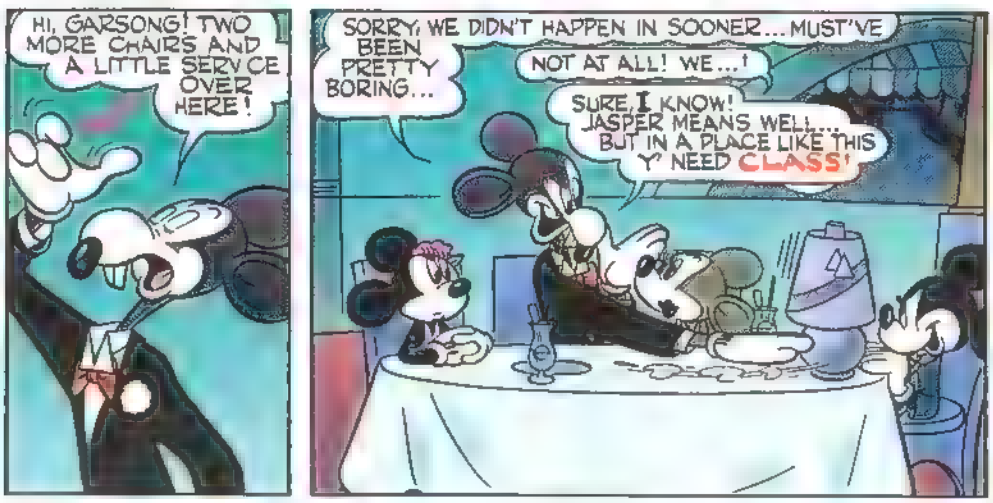

I PUT AWAY YOUR SEWING-MACHINE, PATRICIA! THANKS FOR LETTING ME USE IT!

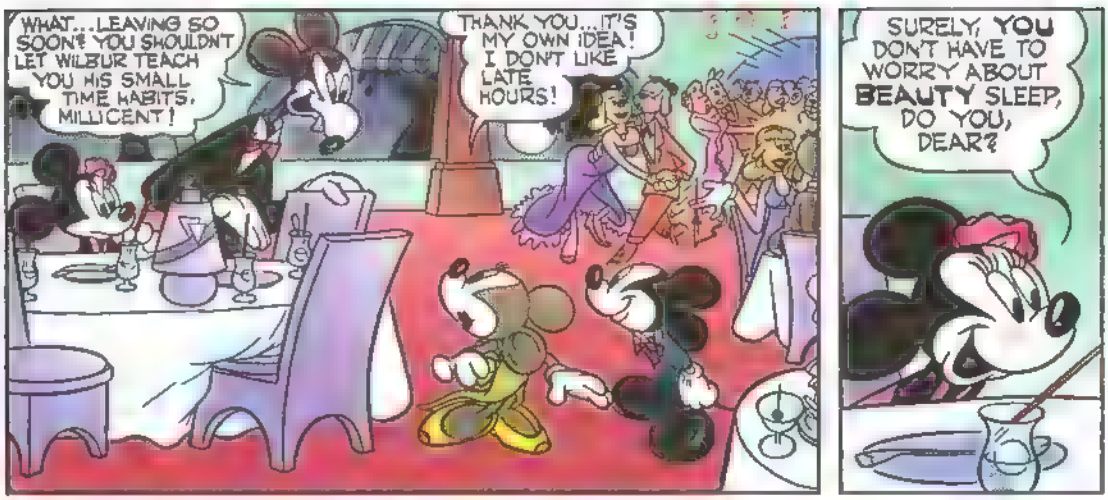



WHAT A GORGEOUS NIGHT! WHERE ARE WE GOING?
YOU'D BE SURPRISED, TOOTS! HAVE I DISCOVERED THE LAST WORD IN NIGHT CLUBS!
IT'S STRICTLY CREME-DE-LA-CREME! THE DOORMAN STICKS A PIN IN YOU TO SEE IF YOUR BLOOD'S BLUE ENOUGH!
OH, HOW CUTE!

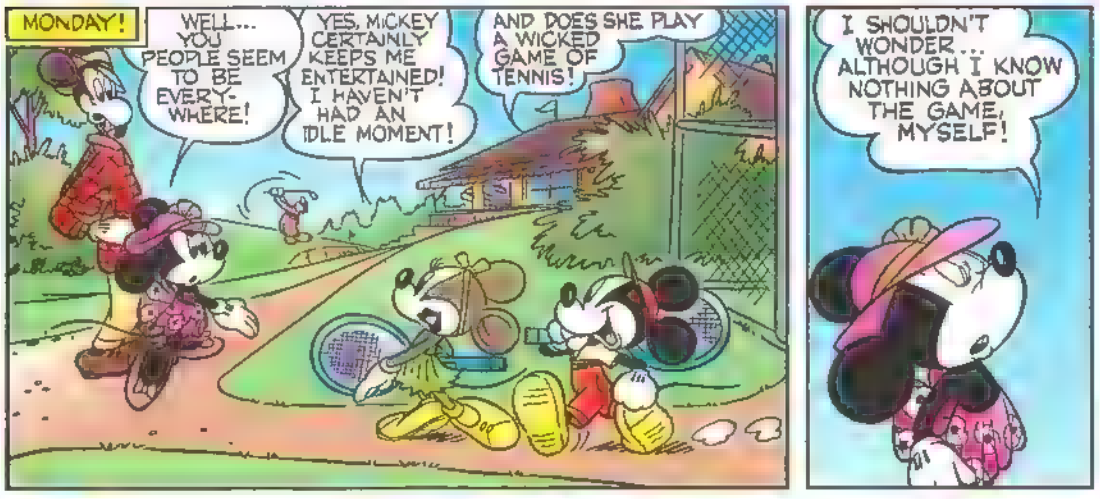

HOW DO Y' LIKE IT, BABY? STRICTLY UPPERCRUST, EH?
YES, IT'S LOV...!!
WELL, LOOK WHO'S HERE! C'MON OVER AND JOIN US!
OH... FRIENDS OF YOURS? HOW NICE!

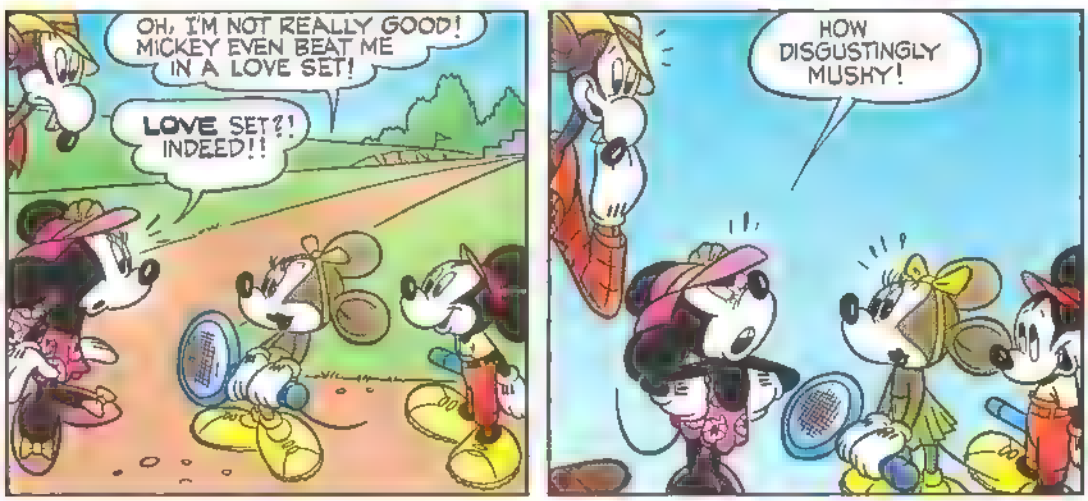

MINNIE, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MILLICENT VAN GILT-MOUSE! SHE'S VISITING MRS UPPACRUST, HER AUNT!
INDEED? I'M HIGHLY HONORED, I'M SURE!
THANK YOU! THE PLEASURE IS M.NE!
AND THIS IS MONTY RODENT... PARDON, RODAWN!
DEE-LIGHTED!
HOW DO YOU DO!


HI, GARSONG! TWO MORE CHAIRS AND A LITTLE SERVICE OVER HERE!
SORRY, WE DIDN'T HAPPEN IN SOONER... MUST'VE BEEN PRETTY BORING...
NOT AT ALL! WE...!
SURE, I KNOW! JASPER MEANS WELL... BUT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS Y' NEED CLASS!


WHAT...LEAVING SO SOON? YOU SHOULDN'T LET WILBUR TEACH YOU HIS SMALL TIME HABITS, MILLICENT!
THANK YOU...IT'S MY OWN IDEA! I DON'T LIKE LATE HOURS!
SURELY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEAUTY SLEEP, DO YOU, DEAR?

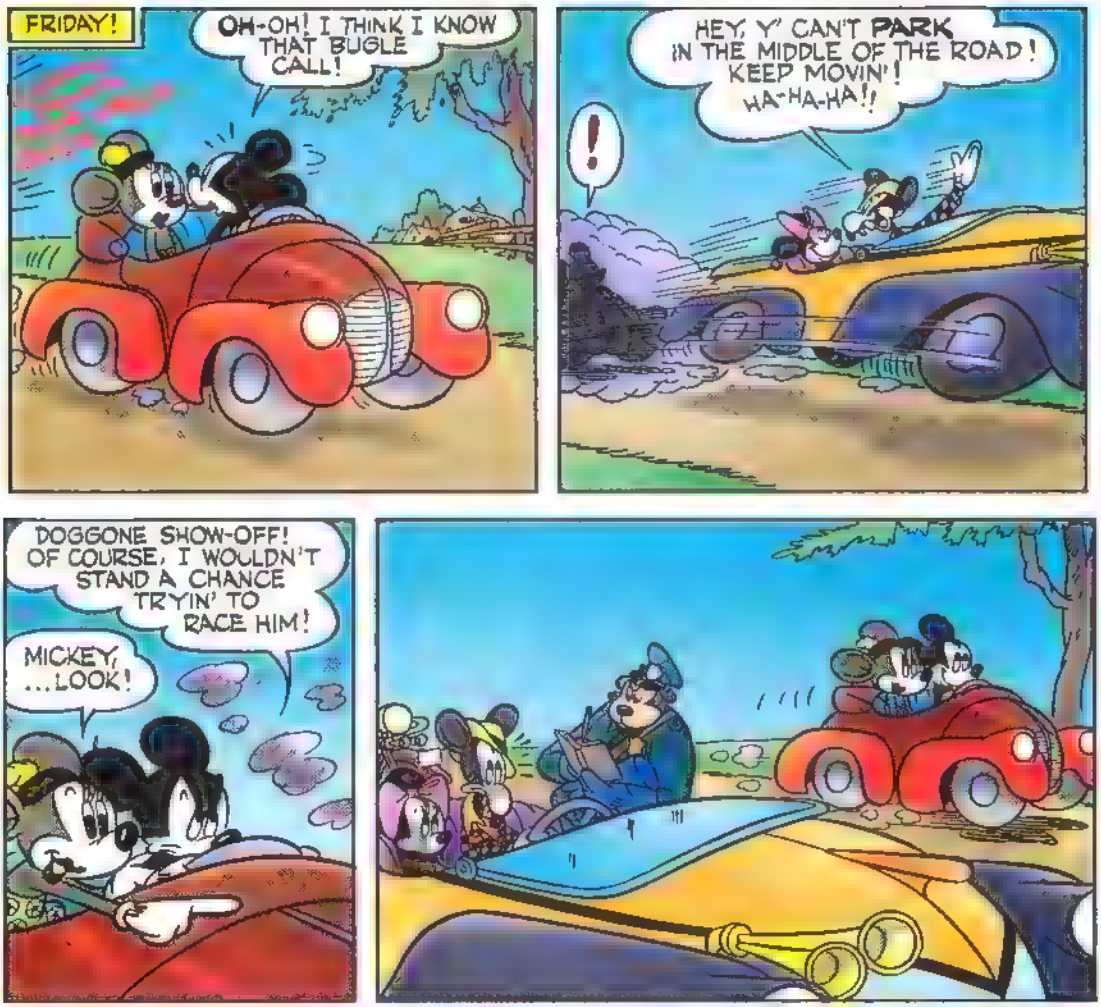
YES, I DO! I'M NOT SO FORTUNATE AS YOU ARE, HONEY!
AHEM... UH, WELL... LET'S GO! G'NIGHT, FOLKS!
THE CAT!
THE CAT!


MONDAY!
WELL... YOU PEOPLE SEEM TO BE EVERY-WHERE!
YES, MICKEY CERTAINLY KEEPS ME ENTERTAINED! I HAVEN'T HAD AN IDLE MOMENT!
AND DOES SHE PLAY A WICKED GAME OF TENNIS!
I SHOULDN'T WONDER... ALTHOUGH I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE GAME, MYSELF!


OH, I'M NOT REALLY GOOD! MICKEY EVEN BEAT ME IN A LOVE SET!
LOVE SET?! INDEED!!
HOW DISGUSTINGLY MUSHY!

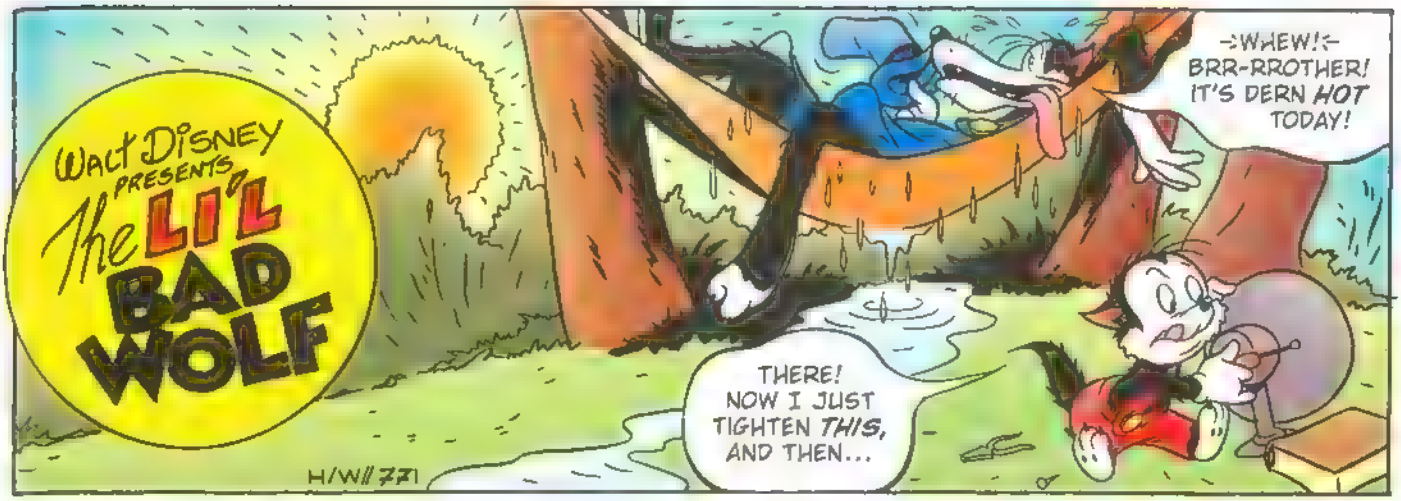
OH, I SUPPOSE TENNIS IS ALL RIGHT IF YOU CARE FOR SOMETHING LIGHT AND TRIFLING!
BUT, OF COURSE, YOU PREFER RHUMBA DANCING!
HE DOES NOT! MONTY IS THE ATHLETIC TYPE... HE GOES IN FOR THE STRENUOUS, VIRILE SPORTS... LIKE BOWLING!
THAT'S RIGHT... THERE'S MY GAME! IF Y' WANT A REAL HE-MAN SPORT, WILBUR, JUST TRY BOWLING!
YES, IT'S VERY POPULAR! IT'S ALL THE RAGE BACK HOME... WITH MY MOTHER'S BRIDGE CLUB!
TUESDAY!
YOU KNOW WHAT I'D LIKE, MONTY? LET'S RENT SOME HORSES...
AND GO FOR A CANTER THROUGH THE PARK!
GREAT IDEA, TOOTS! SOUNDS KEEN!
BRIDLE PATH CROSSING
I JUST ADORE HORSES!!
YIPPEE! HI Y', FOLKS!
HELLO, THERE!
I WOULDN'T GO RIDING, IF THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO DO ON EARTH!

WEDNESDAY!
WHAT A HEAVENLY NEW STYLE! I MUST HAVE IT TO WEAR TO THE BAZAAR TOMORROW!
Chic CHAPEAU SHOP
HI, MINNIE!
OH...GOOD MORNING! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SUDDENLY INTERESTED IN WOMEN'S HATS!
NOPE! JUST PICKIN' UP A LID THAT MILLICENT BOUGHT YESTERDAY... IT'S LIKE THAT ONE THERE!
THAT LITTLE COUNTRY MODEL?
HOW QUAINT!
THURSDAY!
OH-OH! LOOK WHO'S COMIN'!
GOOD GRACIOUS! CAN'T WE GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT SEEING MICKEY AND THAT... CREATURE?
HELLO, EVERYBODY! MY...ISN'T THIS A DELIGHTFUL BEACH?
YES, IT IS RATHER NICE...
...BUT I NEVER REALIZED BEFORE HOW SMALL IT IS!


FRIDAY!
OH-OH! I THINK I KNOW THAT BUGLE CALL!
HEY, Y' CAN'T PARK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD! KEEP MOVIN'! HA-HA-HA!!
!
DOGGONE SHOW-OFF! OF COURSE, I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE TRYIN' TO RACE HIM!
MICKEY, ...LOOK!
SATURDAY!
HOW DO Y' LIKE OUR TOWN BY NOW, MILLICENT?
WELL! SO
I THINK IT'S LOVELY.. AND I'M HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE!
HI THERE, MILLICENT! YOUR BOY FRIEND'S KINDA SLOW, ISN'T HE?
HE'S NOT AS SLOW AS YOU THINK... AND HE'S VERY SMOOTH!
OH! THAT HUSSY BURNS ME UP!

THEN... AT LAST!
I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME OVER, MICKEY... I HAVE WONDERFUL NEWS!
PROCEED! I'M ALL AGOG!
YOU KNOW MRS. VAN ASTOROCKS, WHO GIVES THE ANNUAL SOCIETY BALL FOR CHARITY?
I KNOW OF HER! WE DON'T EXACTLY MOVE IN THE SAME CIRCLES!
IN FACT, HER FUNCTIONS ARE RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE TOP FRINGE OF THE UPPER LAYER OF THE ULTRA-ULTRA!
THEN THAT'S US... BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE BALL!
NO! IT CAN'T ... IT'S... WHEEE-EW!
Y' MEAN TO TELL ME MRS. VAN ASTOROCKS... THE MRS. VAN ASTOROCKS... WANTS ME TO COME TO HER BALL?
I SAW THE INVITATION .. IT'S PROBABLY IN THE MAIL RIGHT NOW!
BUT, GOSH... THAT'S THE SNAZZIEST RUCKUS THERE IS! THERE'S PEOPLE THAT'D GIVE AN EYE TO GO TO IT!
JUST THE SAME, WE'RE INVITED, SO YOU MAY AS WELL GET USED TO THE IDEA!
ALL RIGHT... BUT THAT KIND OF ROYALTY SCARES ME! I WON'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD BREATHE IN OR OUT!
AND IN THE MEANTIME!
OH! MY GOODNESS GRACIOUS...!!

TO BE CONCLUDED!


Walt Disney presents
The LIL BAD WOLF
-:WHEW!:- BRR-RROTHER! IT'S DERN HOT TODAY!
THERE! NOW I JUST TIGHTEN THIS, AND THEN...
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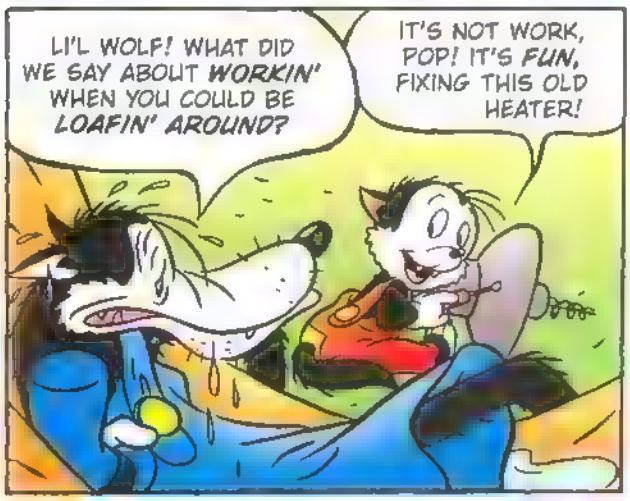
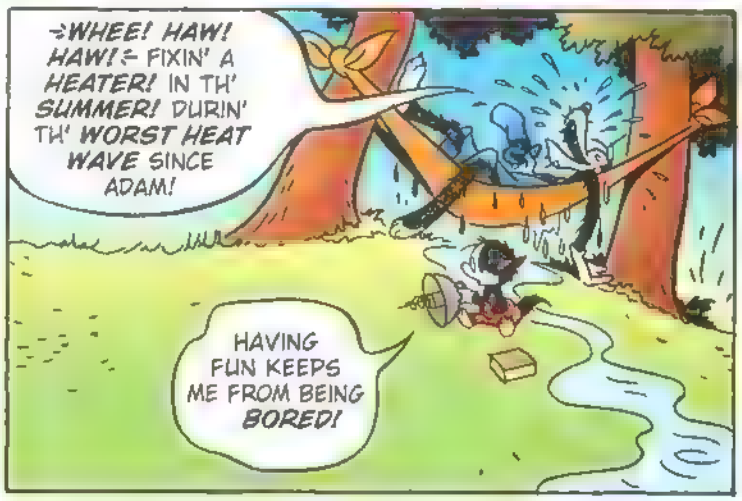
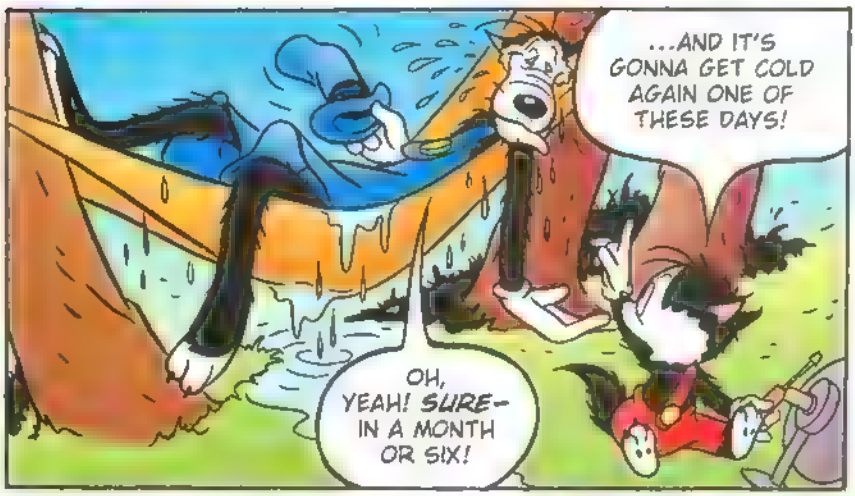
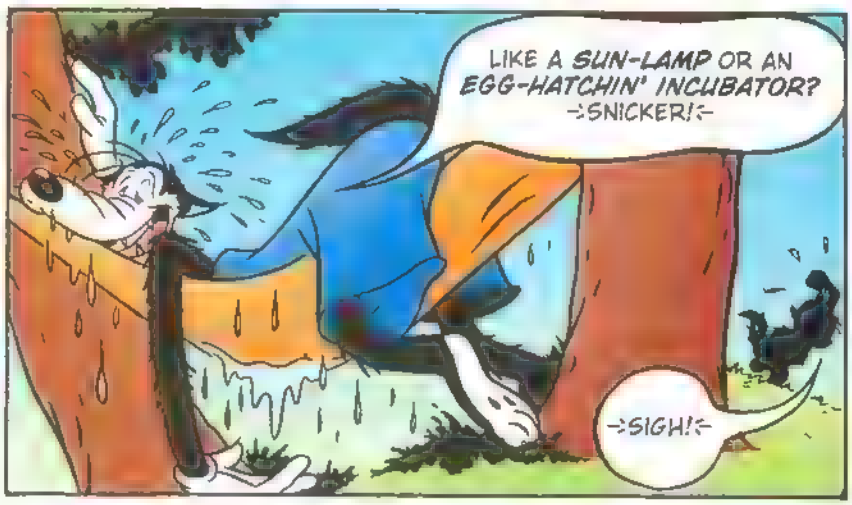

LI'L WOLF! WHAT DID WE SAY ABOUT WORKIN' WHEN YOU COULD BE LOAFIN' AROUND?
IT'S NOT WORK, POP! IT'S FUN, FIXING THIS OLD HEATER!

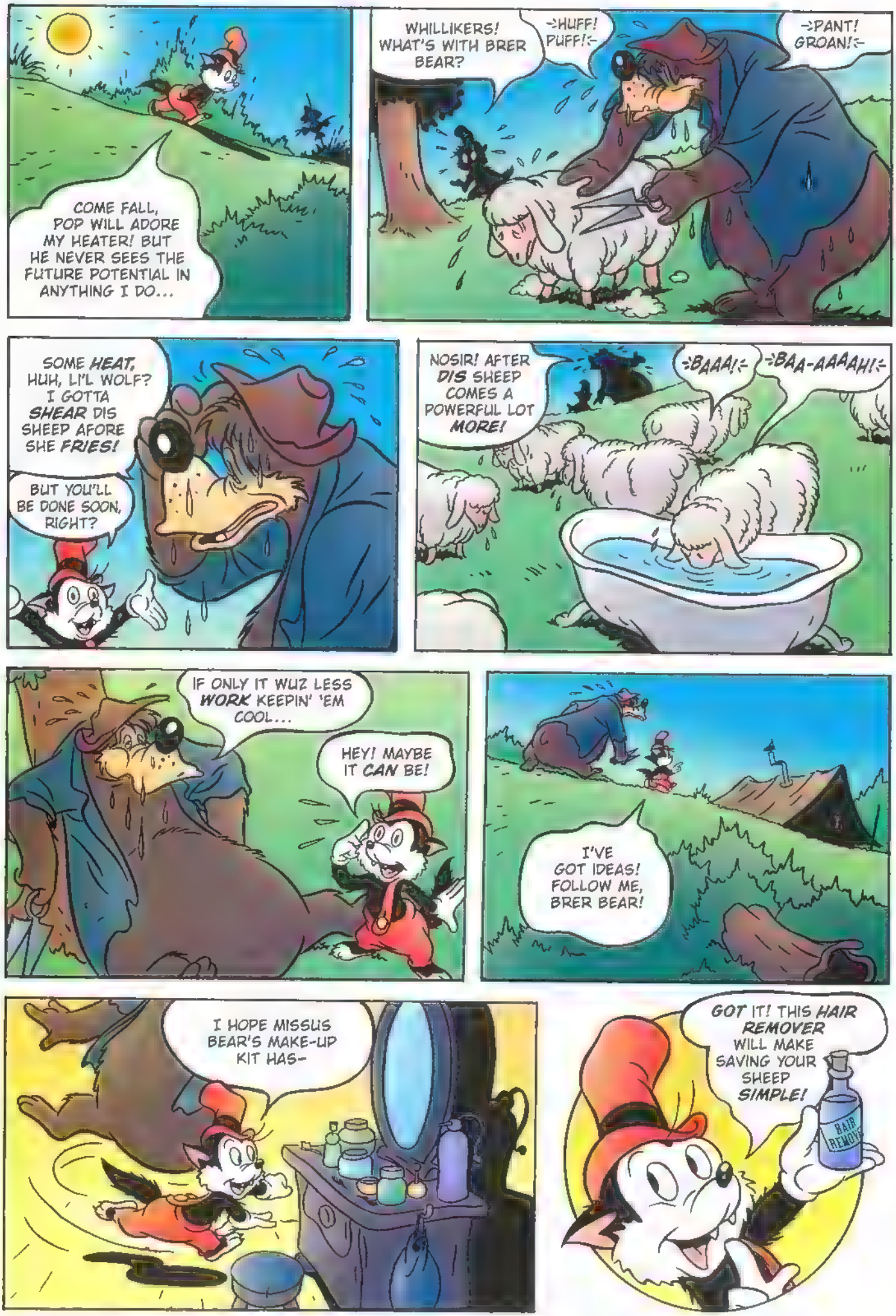

-:WHEE! HAW! HAW!:- FIXIN' A HEATER! IN TH' SUMMER! DURIN' TH' WORST HEAT WAVE SINCE ADAM!
HAVING FUN KEEPS ME FROM BEING BORED!


...AND IT'S GONNA GET COLD AGAIN ONE OF THESE DAYS!
OH, YEAH! SURE- IN A MONTH OR SIX!

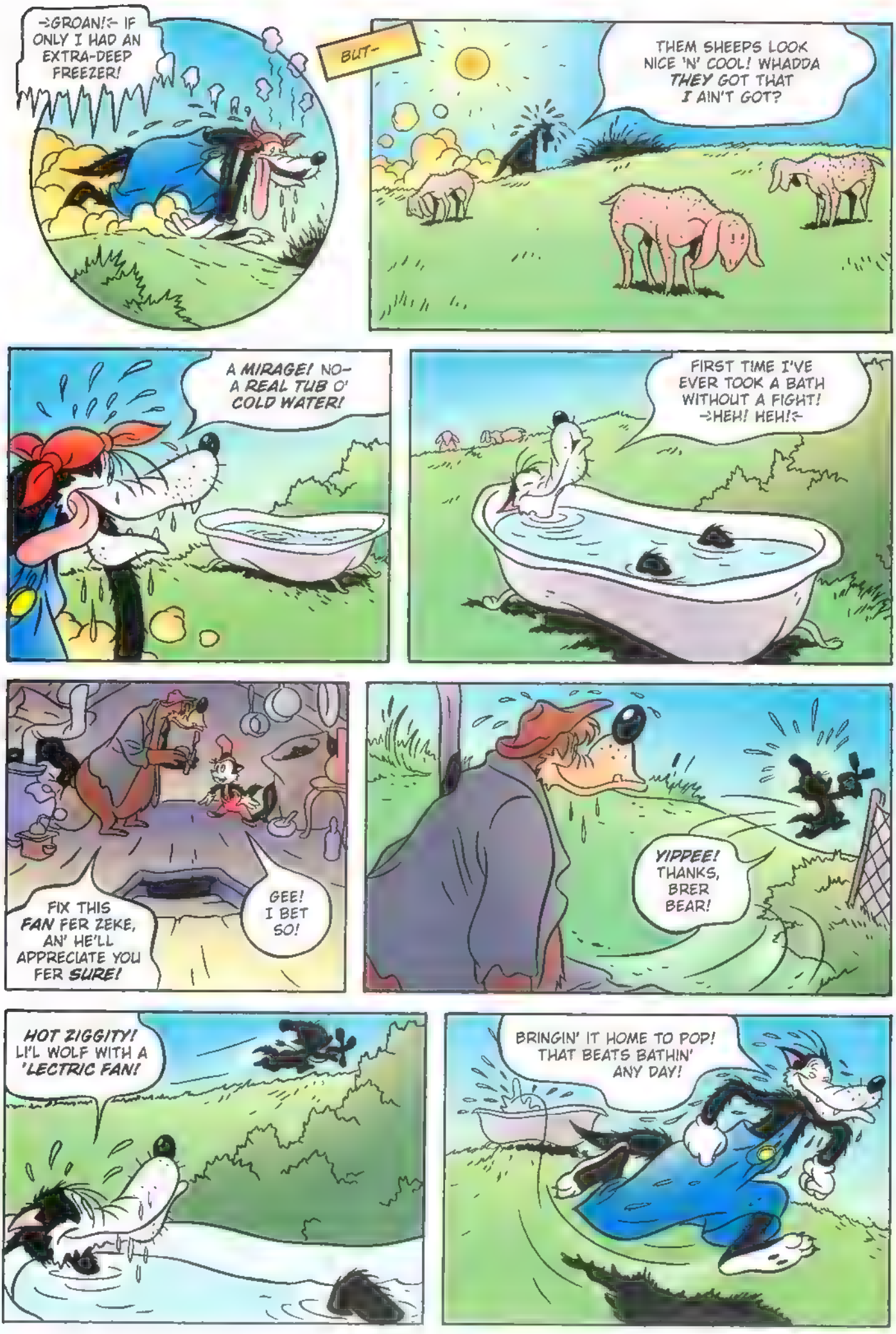
THIS BOOK OF PRACTICAL PIG'S TELLS ALL ABOUT REPAIRING THINGS! IT'S REALLY HANDY!

SO LONG, POP! I'M GOING TO SEE IF BRER BEAR HAS SOME BROKEN STUFF I CAN FIX!


LIKE A SUN-LAMP OR AN EGG-HATCHIN' INCUBATOR? -:SNICKER!:-
-:SIGH!:-


COME FALL, POP WILL ADORE MY HEATER! BUT HE NEVER SEES THE FUTURE POTENTIAL IN ANYTHING I DO...
WHILLIKERS! WHAT'S WITH BRER BEAR?
=HUFF! PUFF!=
=PANT! GROAN!=
SOME HEAT, HUH, LI'L WOLF? I GOTTA SHEAR DIS SHEEP AFORE SHE FRIES!
BUT YOU'LL BE DONE SOON, RIGHT?
NOSIR! AFTER DIS SHEEP COMES A POWERFUL LOT MORE!
=BAAA!=
=BAA-AAAAH!=
IF ONLY IT WUZ LESS WORK KEEPIN' 'EM COOL...
HEY! MAYBE IT CAN BE!
I'VE GOT IDEAS! FOLLOW ME, BRER BEAR!
I HOPE MISSUS BEAR'S MAKE-UP KIT HAS-
GOT IT! THIS HAIR REMOVER WILL MAKE SAVING YOUR SHEEP SIMPLE!
HAIR REMOVER

WATCH! I POUR SOME IN THIS TUBFUL OF WATER...
HERE'S TH' FIRST SHEEP, LI'L WOLF!
YOU DON'T ENTIRELY MIND A RELAXING DIP, DO YOU, MA'AM?
SLOSH!
=BAAAAAAAAH!=
NOW WE WAIT UNTIL THEIR WOOL FALLS OUT...
SHORTLY!
AN' NOW I COLLECTS IT ALL UP! MAN ALIVE, DIS SAVES ME A LOAD O' WORK! DUNNO HOW I CAN THANK YOU ENOUGH...
ER... MAYBE YOU'VE GOT A BROKEN MACHINE I COULD HAVE!
'DEED I DO, LI'L WOLF! BUT WHADDAYA WANT THAT FOR?
I'VE GOT A NEW HOBBY! =SIGH!= A HOBBY I WISH POP APPRECIATED...
TARNATION, WHAT HEAT! I CAN'T HOLD OUT HERE NO LONGER!
I'LL GRAB A STROLL! JUST TH' THING TO COOL YA DOWN!


=>GROAN!<= IF ONLY I HAD AN EXTRA-DEEP FREEZER!
BUT-
THEM SHEEPS LOOK NICE 'N' COOL! WHADDA *THEY* GOT THAT *I* AIN'T GOT?
A *MIRAGE!* NO- A *REAL TUB O' COLD WATER!*
FIRST TIME I'VE EVER TOOK A BATH WITHOUT A FIGHT! =>HEH! HEH!<=
FIX THIS *FAN* FER ZEKE, AN' HE'LL APPRECIATE YOU FER *SURE!*
GEE! I BET SO!
YIPPEE! THANKS, BRER BEAR!
HOT ZIGGITY! LI'L WOLF WITH A *'LECTRIC FAN!*
BRINGIN' IT HOME TO POP! THAT BEATS BATHIN' ANY DAY!

HEY, EASY TO FIX! JUST A LITTLE SCREW LOOSE–
HALLELUJAH, LI'L WOLF! YA FIXED SOMETHIN' USEFUL! C'MERE, GADGET!
PLUG IT IN AN' WE'LL SHARE A BREEZE, SON! I'M PROUD OF YOU!
WHOOOOSH!
=MMMM-MMM!=
=GULP!=
LATER!
SO WHUT'S YOUR POP SAY, HUH? HE 'PPRECIATE YOUR HOBBY NOW?
ER... SORTA... WELL...
...HE HASN'T QUITE DECIDED YET!
YA F-FIXED THIS HEATER GOOD, LI'L WOLF... B-B-BUT NOT G-GOOD ENUFF!
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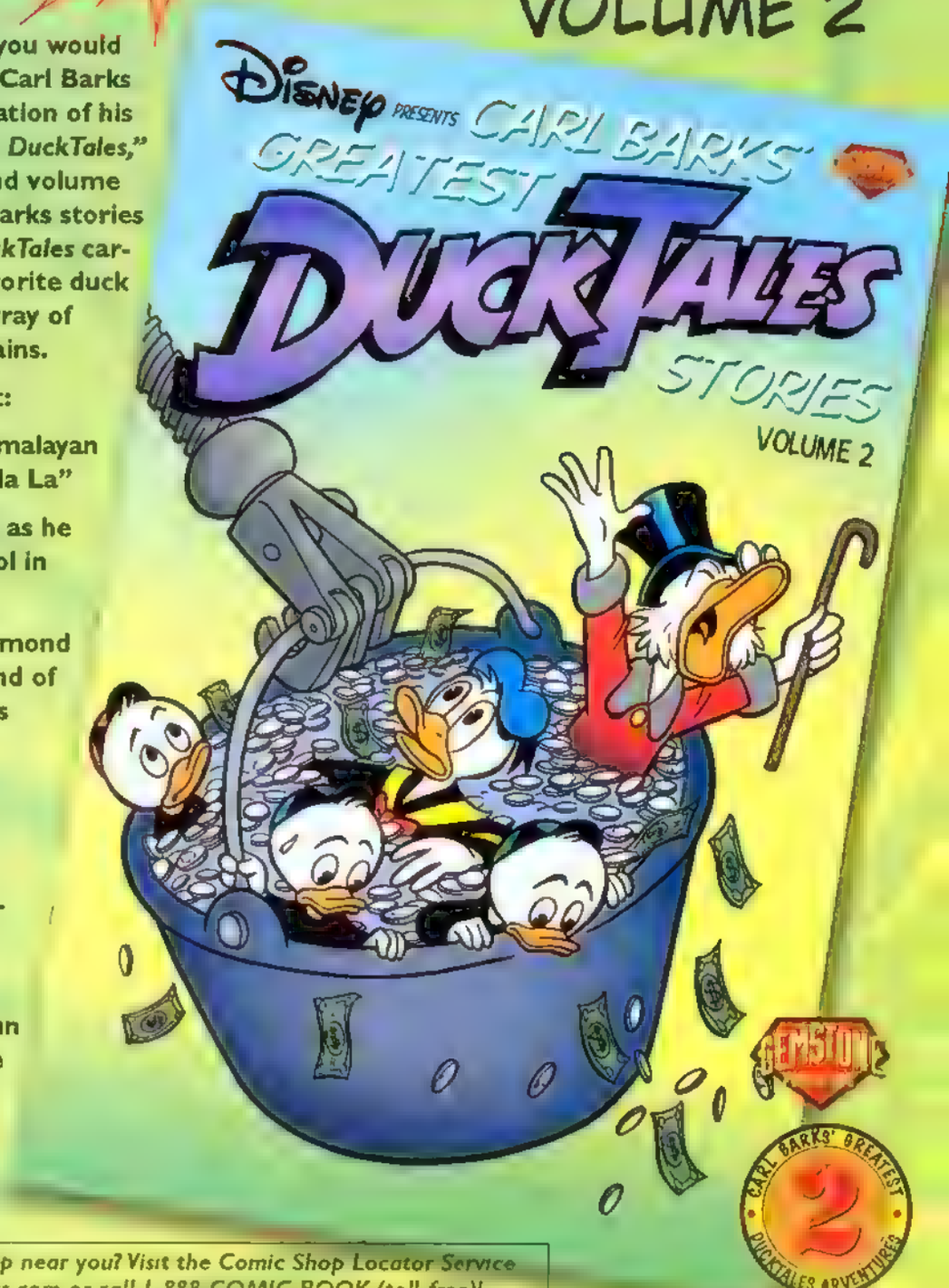

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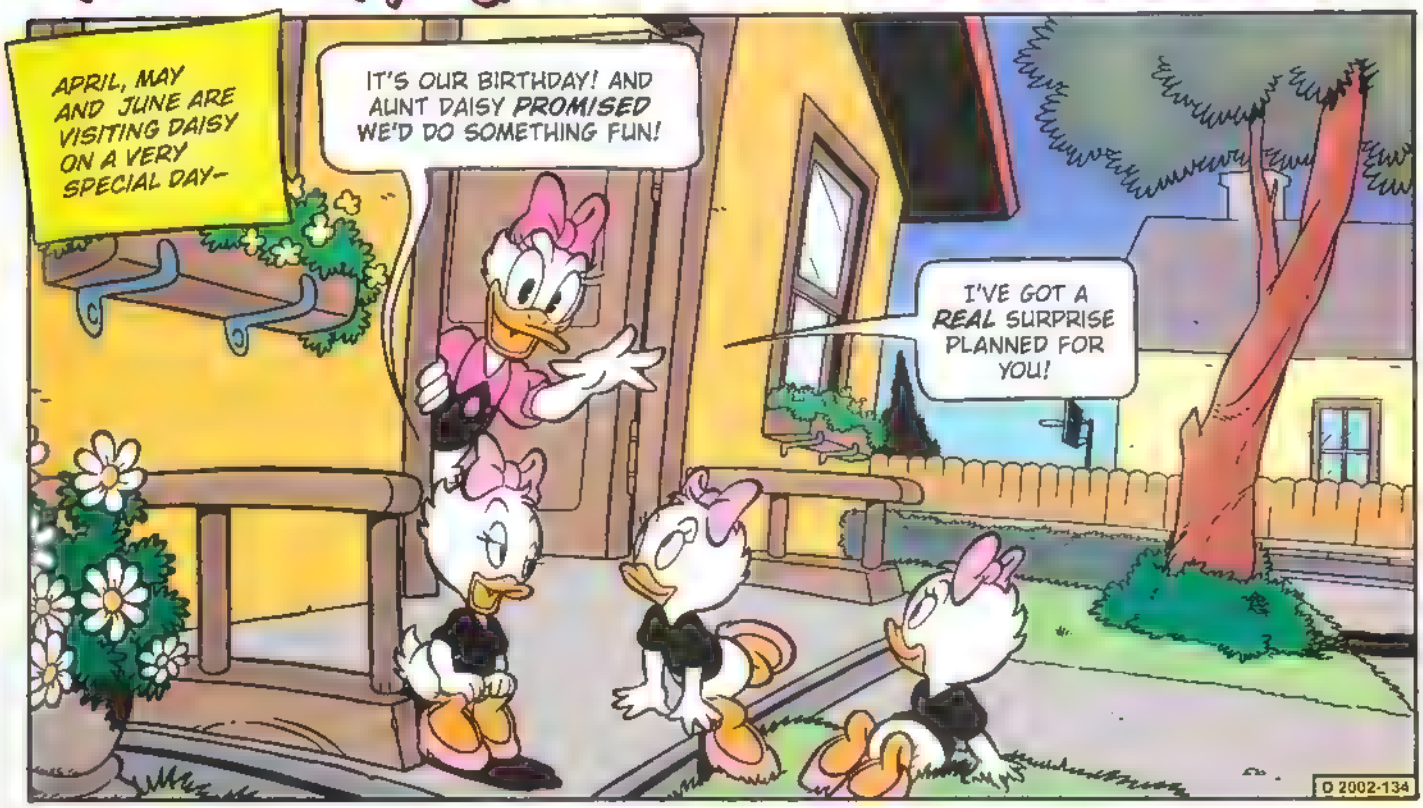
APRIL, MAY & JUNE in Girls Just Want to Have Fun


APRIL, MAY AND JUNE ARE VISITING DAISY ON A VERY SPECIAL DAY–
IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY! AND AUNT DAISY PROMISED WE'D DO SOMETHING FUN!
I'VE GOT A REAL SURPRISE PLANNED FOR YOU!
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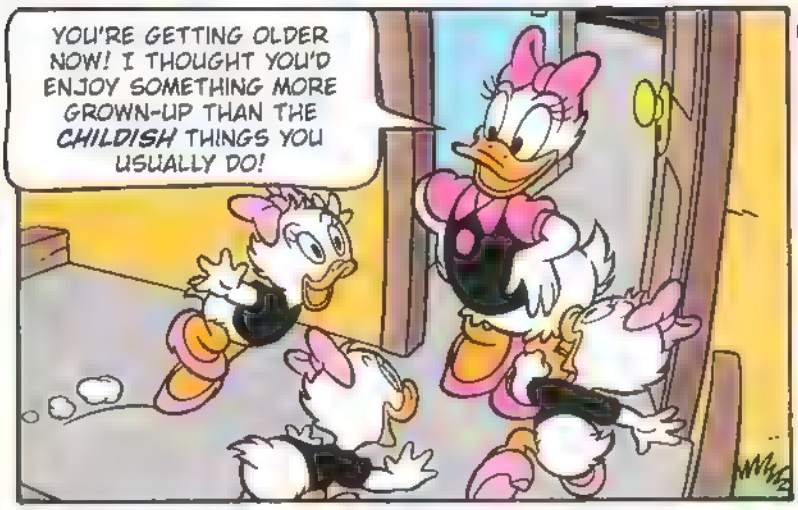
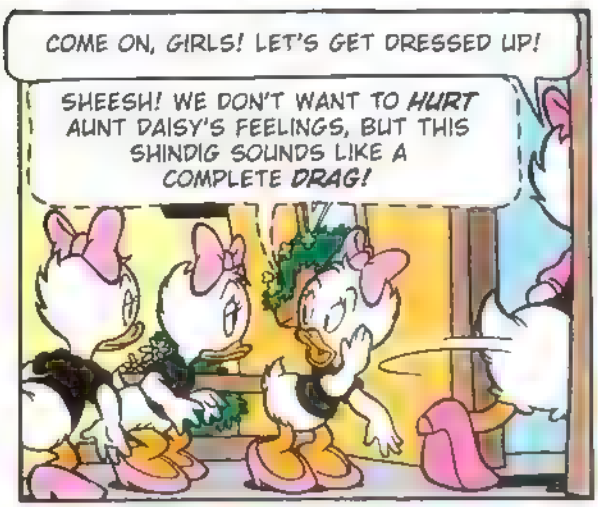
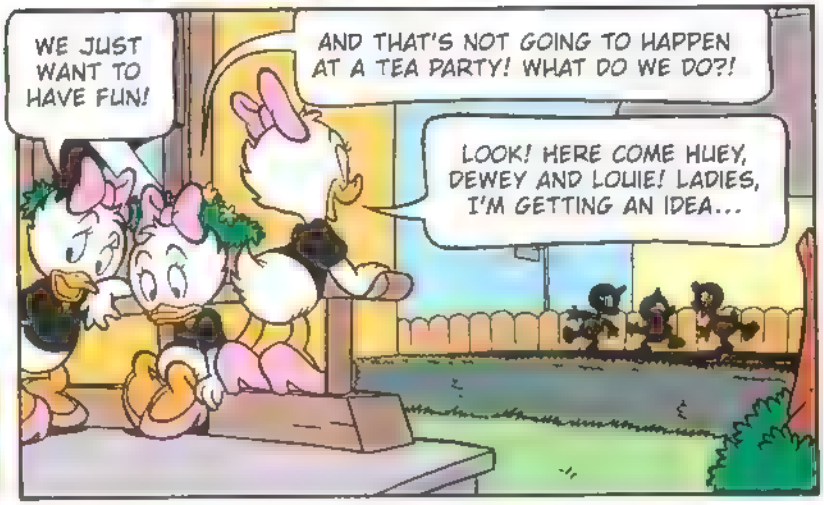
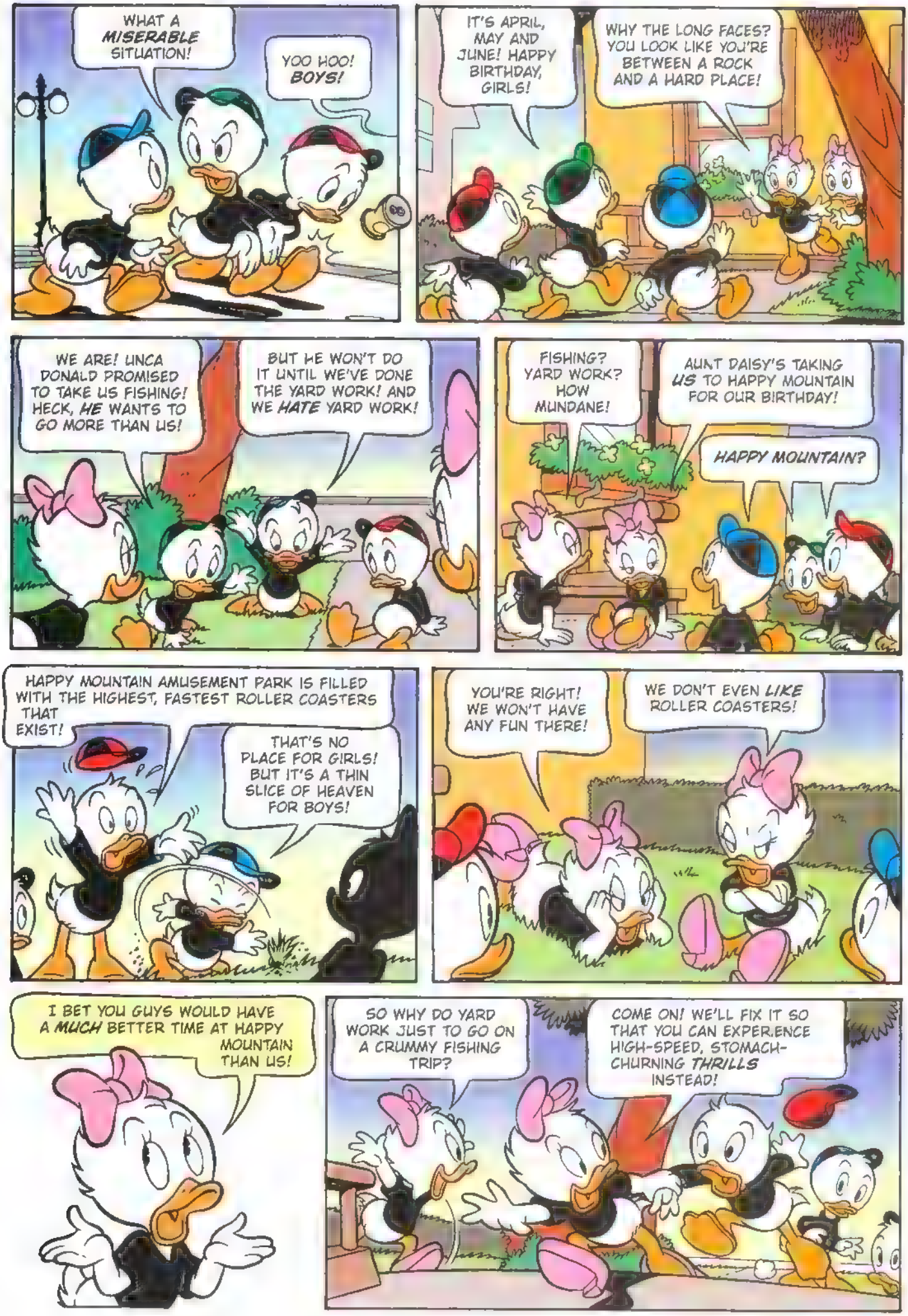
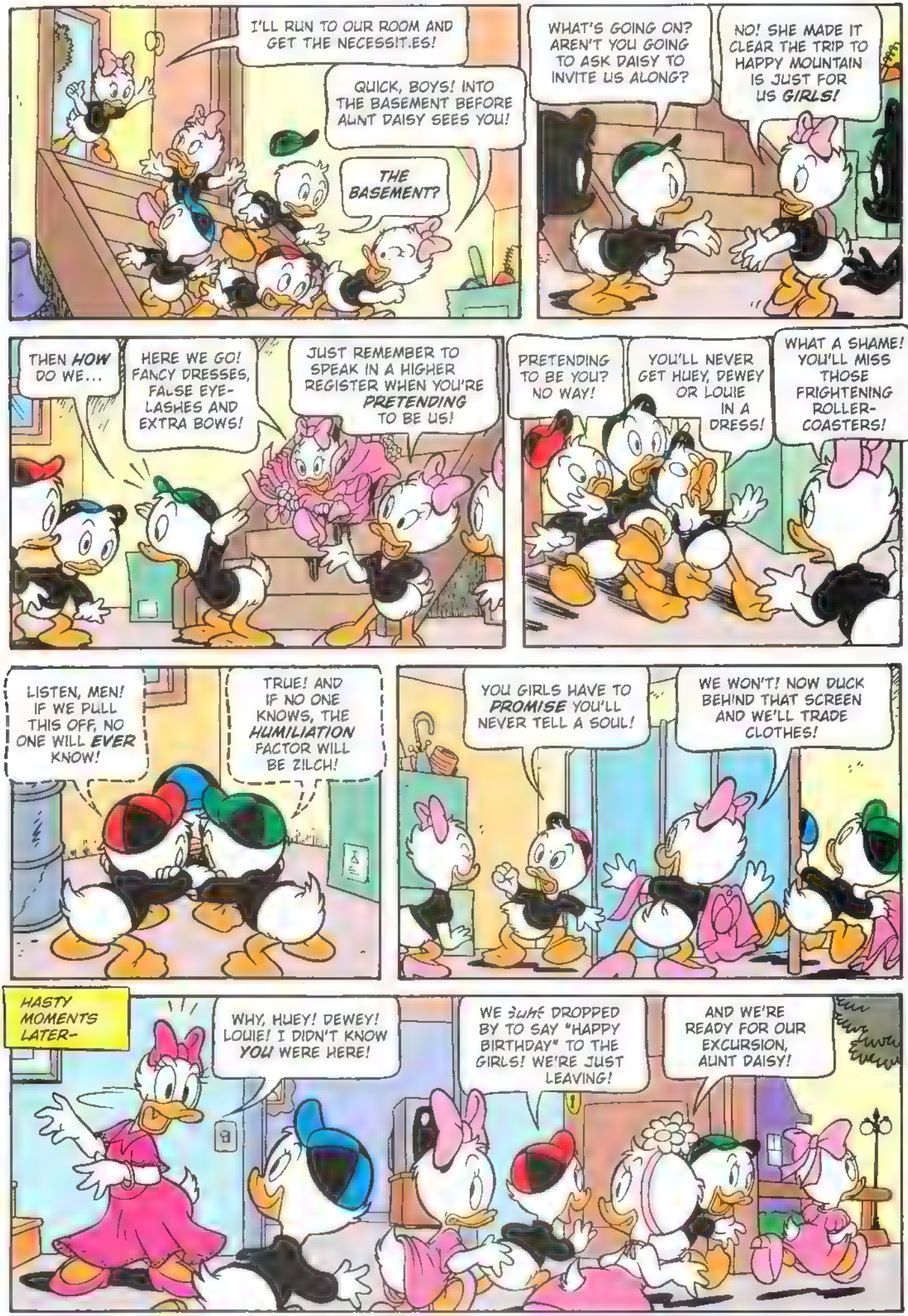


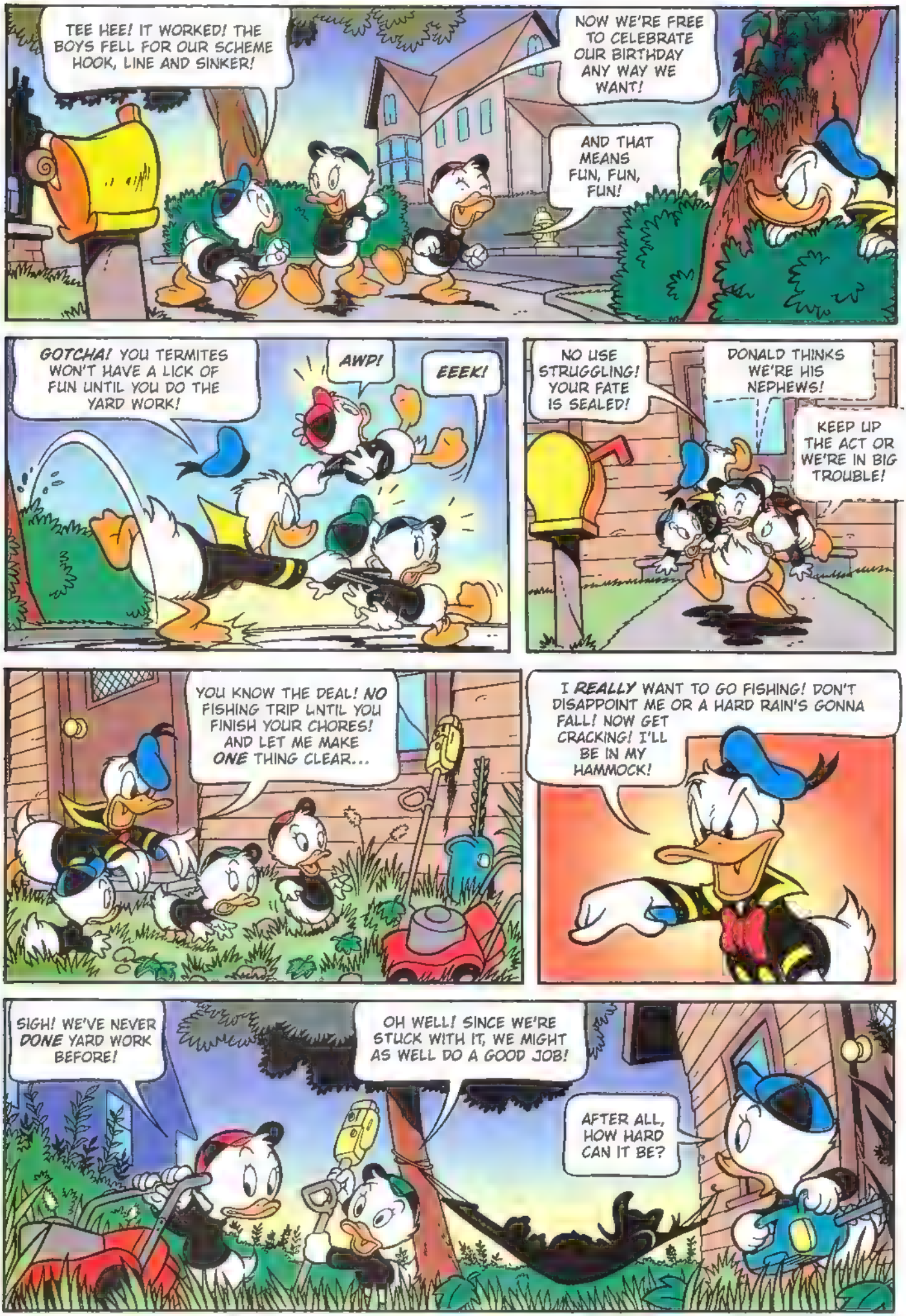
SO I'VE ARRANGED A LOVELY TEA PARTY, COMPLETE WITH A FASHION SHOW! SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS ARE INVITED ALONG WITH THEIR MOTHERS!


COME ON, GIRLS! LET'S GET DRESSED UP!
SHEESH! WE DON'T WANT TO HURT AUNT DAISY'S FEELINGS, BUT THIS SHINDIG SOUNDS LIKE A COMPLETE DRAG!


WE JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!
AND THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AT A TEA PARTY! WHAT DO WE DO?!
LOOK! HERE COME HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE! LADIES, I'M GETTING AN IDEA...


WHAT A MISERABLE SITUATION!
YOO HOO! BOYS!
IT'S APRIL, MAY AND JUNE! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GIRLS!
WHY THE LONG FACES? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE!
WE ARE! UNCA DONALD PROMISED TO TAKE US FISHING! HECK, HE WANTS TO GO MORE THAN US!
BUT HE WON'T DO IT UNTIL WE'VE DONE THE YARD WORK! AND WE HATE YARD WORK!
FISHING? YARD WORK? HOW MUNDANE!
AUNT DAISY'S TAKING US TO HAPPY MOUNTAIN FOR OUR BIRTHDAY!
HAPPY MOUNTAIN?
HAPPY MOUNTAIN AMUSEMENT PARK IS FILLED WITH THE HIGHEST, FASTEST ROLLER COASTERS THAT EXIST!
THAT'S NO PLACE FOR GIRLS! BUT IT'S A THIN SLICE OF HEAVEN FOR BOYS!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE WON'T HAVE ANY FUN THERE!
WE DON'T EVEN LIKE ROLLER COASTERS!
I BET YOU GUYS WOULD HAVE A MUCH BETTER TIME AT HAPPY MOUNTAIN THAN US!
SO WHY DO YARD WORK JUST TO GO ON A CRUMMY FISHING TRIP?
COME ON! WE'LL FIX IT SO THAT YOU CAN EXPERIENCE HIGH-SPEED, STOMACH-CHURNING THRILLS INSTEAD!


I'LL RUN TO OUR ROOM AND GET THE NECESSITIES!
QUICK, BOYS! INTO THE BASEMENT BEFORE AUNT DAISY SEES YOU!
THE BASEMENT?
WHAT'S GOING ON? AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK DAISY TO INVITE US ALONG?
NO! SHE MADE IT CLEAR THE TRIP TO HAPPY MOUNTAIN IS JUST FOR US GIRLS!
THEN HOW DO WE...
HERE WE GO! FANCY DRESSES, FALSE EYELASHES AND EXTRA BOWS!
JUST REMEMBER TO SPEAK IN A HIGHER REGISTER WHEN YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE US!
PRETENDING TO BE YOU? NO WAY!
YOU'LL NEVER GET HUEY, DEWEY OR LOUIE IN A DRESS!
WHAT A SHAME! YOU'LL MISS THOSE FRIGHTENING ROLLER-COASTERS!
LISTEN, MEN! IF WE PULL THIS OFF, NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW!
TRUE! AND IF NO ONE KNOWS, THE HUMILIATION FACTOR WILL BE ZILCH!
YOU GIRLS HAVE TO PROMISE YOU'LL NEVER TELL A SOUL!
WE WON'T! NOW DUCK BEHIND THAT SCREEN AND WE'LL TRADE CLOTHES!
HASTY MOMENTS LATER-
WHY, HUEY! DEWEY! LOUIE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE!
WE JUST DROPPED BY TO SAY "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO THE GIRLS! WE'RE JUST LEAVING!
AND WE'RE READY FOR OUR EXCURSION, AUNT DAISY!


TEE HEE! IT WORKED! THE BOYS FELL FOR OUR SCHEME HOOK, LINE AND SINKER!
NOW WE'RE FREE TO CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY ANY WAY WE WANT!
AND THAT MEANS FUN, FUN, FUN!
GOTCHA! YOU TERMITES WON'T HAVE A LICK OF FUN UNTIL YOU DO THE YARD WORK!
AWP!
EEEK!
NO USE STRUGGLING! YOUR FATE IS SEALED!
DONALD THINKS WE'RE HIS NEPHEWS!
KEEP UP THE ACT OR WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE!
YOU KNOW THE DEAL! NO FISHING TRIP UNTIL YOU FINISH YOUR CHORES! AND LET ME MAKE ONE THING CLEAR...
I REALLY WANT TO GO FISHING! DON'T DISAPPOINT ME OR A HARD RAIN'S GONNA FALL! NOW GET CRACKING! I'LL BE IN MY HAMMOCK!
SIGH! WE'VE NEVER DONE YARD WORK BEFORE!
OH WELL! SINCE WE'RE STUCK WITH IT, WE MIGHT AS WELL DO A GOOD JOB!
AFTER ALL, HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

MEANWHILE–
THANKS EVER SO MUCH FOR THIS LOVELY SURPRISE, AUNT DAISY!
WE ARE EVER SO EXCITED!
I'M GLAD YOU AGREE IT'S TIME TO SPEND YOUR BIRTHDAY IN A MORE MATURE, LADY-LIKE WAY! HERE WE ARE!
HUH? WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
WHY, YOU SILLIES! IT'S THE TEA HOUSE WHERE WE'RE HAVING OUR PARTY! LOOK! THERE ARE YOUR GIRLFRIENDS AND THEIR MOTHERS!
GACK! TEA PARTY?
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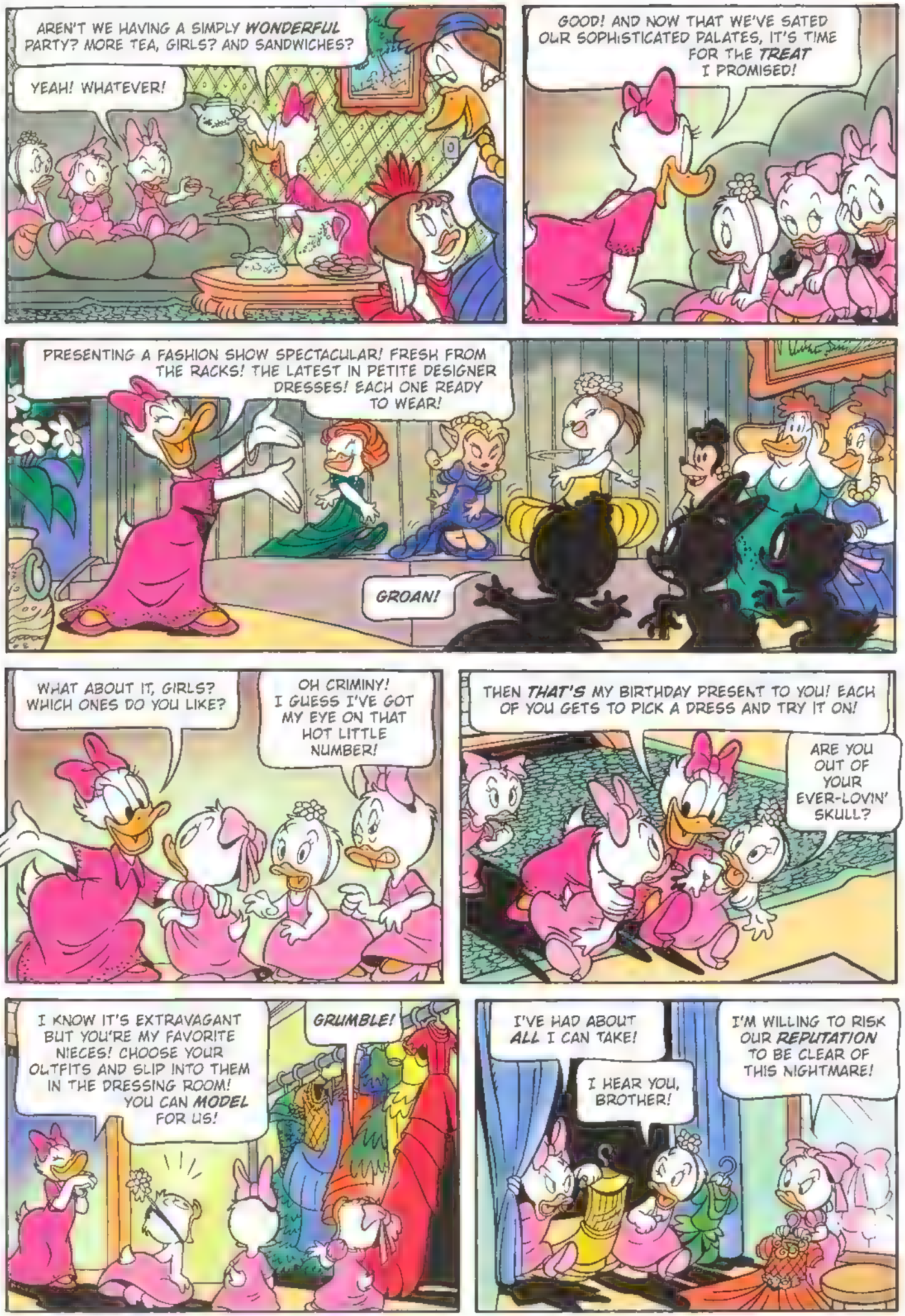
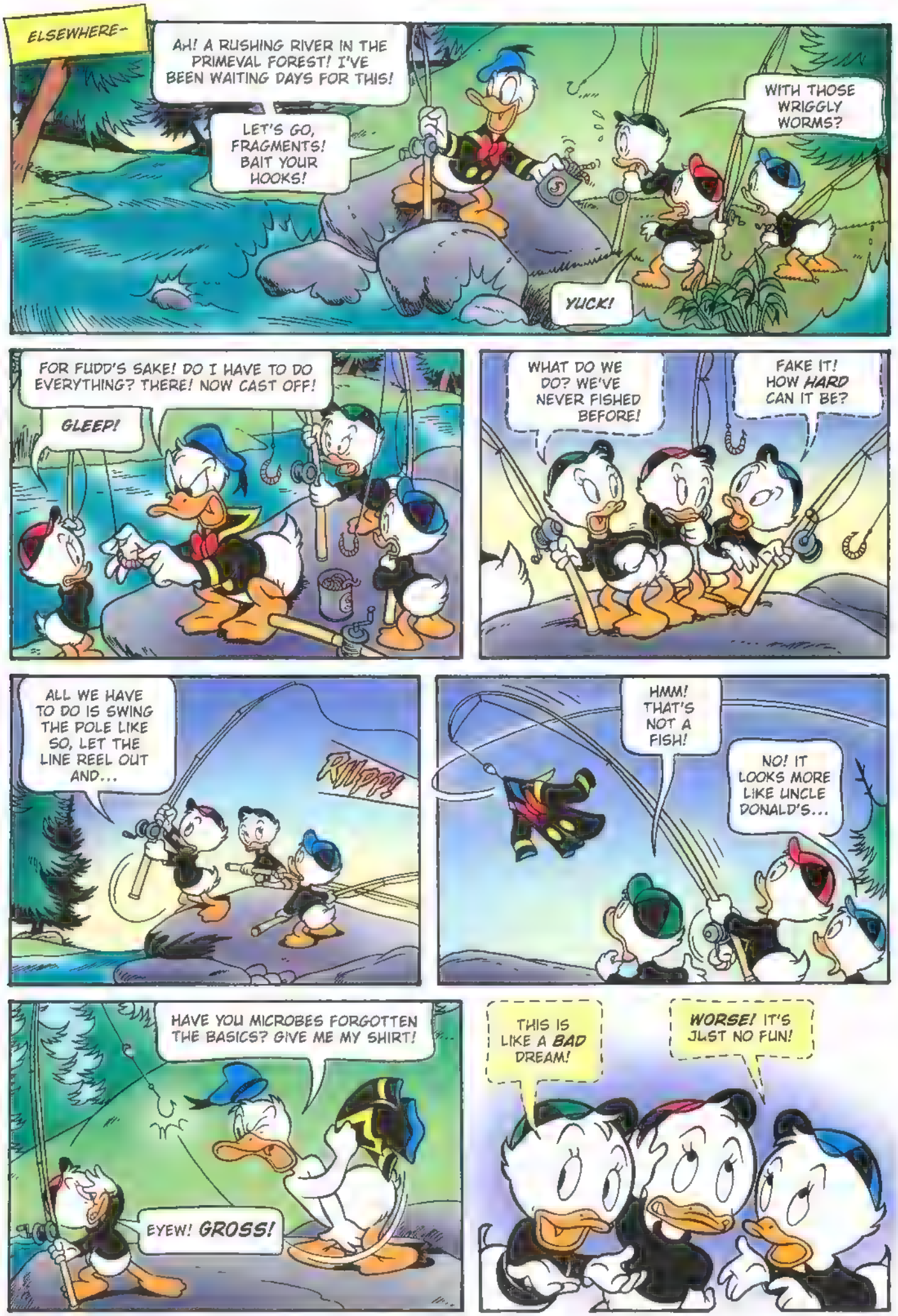
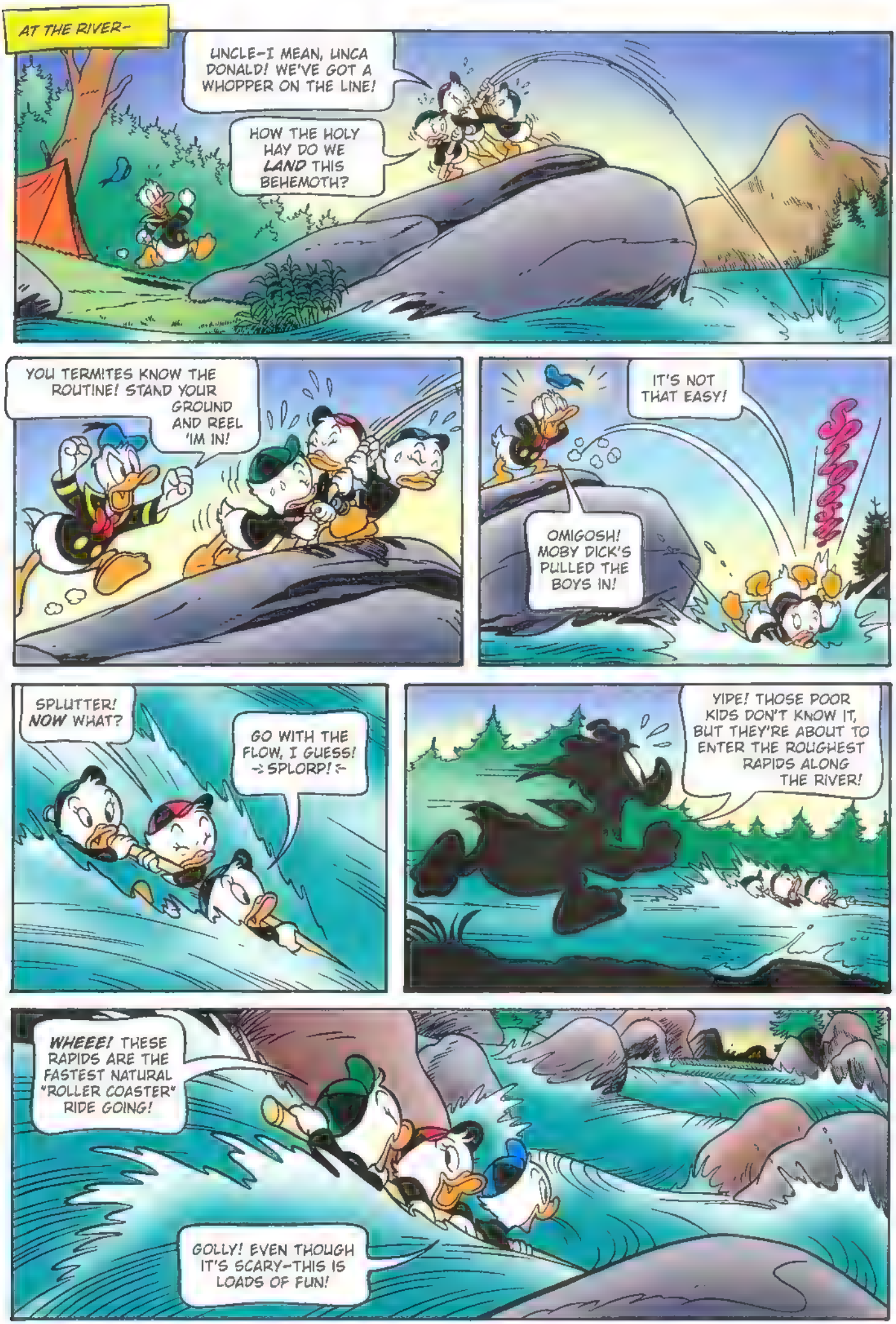
FACE THE FACTS, MEN! WE'VE BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED!
APRIL, MAY AND JUNE PLAYED US FOR CHUMPS!
BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? IF WE GET CAUGHT IN THESE GIRLIE GET-UPS, WE'LL NEVER LIVE IT DOWN!
OUR REPUTATIONS WILL BE SHOT!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SUFFER THROUGH THIS AFTERNOON UNTIL WE CAN GET OUR MITTS ON APRIL, MAY AND JUNE!
AND THEN A HARD RAIN'S GONNA FALL!
MORE TEA, GIRLS?
OH, YES, PLEASE, AUNT DAISY!

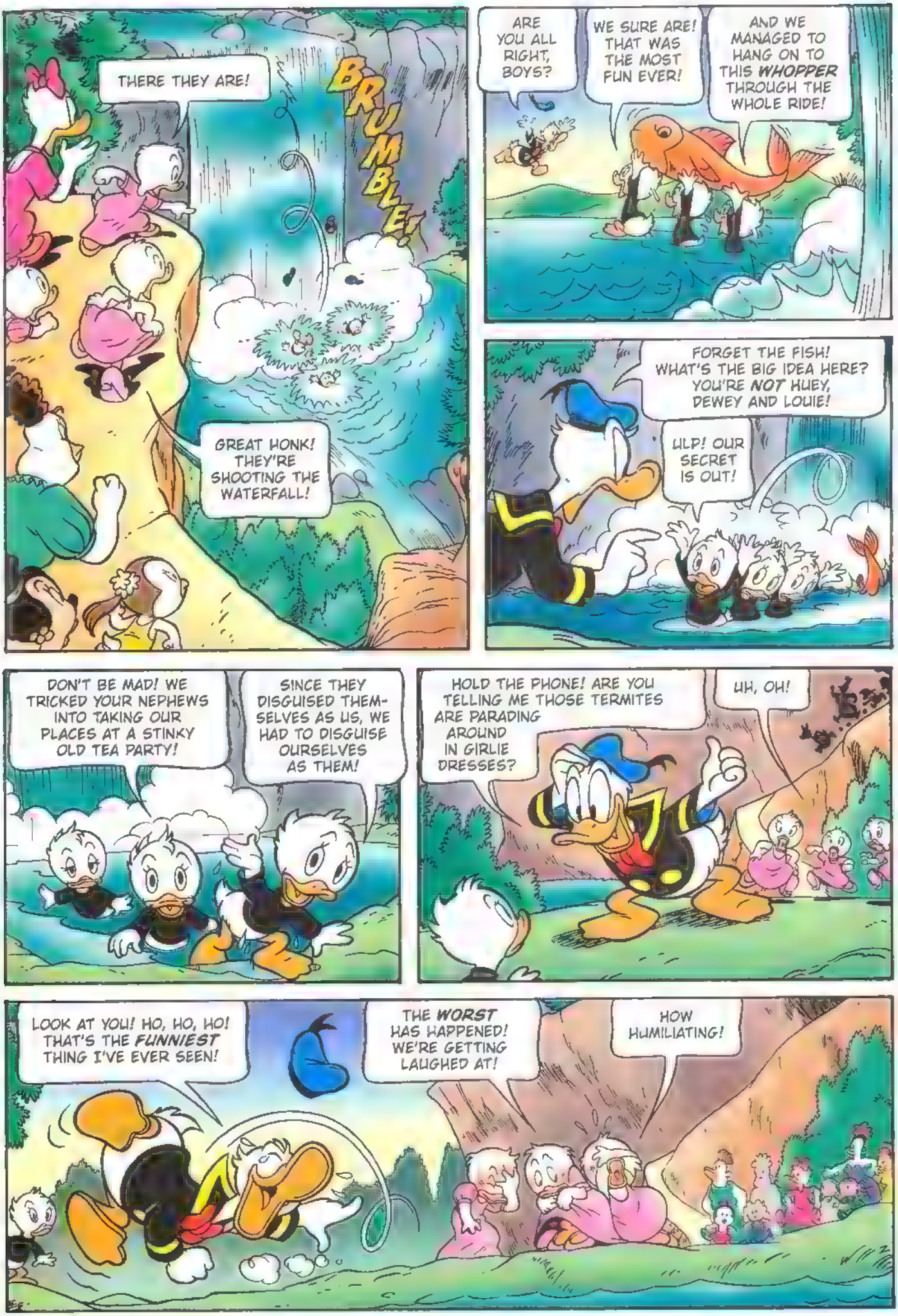
BACK AT DONALD'S HOUSE-
I'M BEAT! THAT WAS INCREDIBLY HARD WORK!
UNCLE-I MEAN UNCA DONALD! WAKE UP!
MMRFF?!
WE FINISHED THE LAWN! DID WE DO OKAY?
HOLY HOPPING MUDPUPPIES!
WHAT GOT INTO YOU FRAGMENTS? THE YARD IS GORGEOUS! YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELVES!
GREAT! THEN IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME FUN!
AT THE MALL!
MALL, SCHMALL! YOU DESERVE A REAL REWARD! DID YOU FORGET THE FISHING TRIP? I'LL GET THE POLES!
BUH-BUH-BUT..
IT'S NO USE!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING FISHING!
THIS ISN'T WHAT WE BARGAINED FOR!


AREN'T WE HAVING A SIMPLY WONDERFUL PARTY? MORE TEA, GIRLS? AND SANDWICHES?
YEAH! WHATEVER!
GOOD! AND NOW THAT WE'VE SATED OUR SOPHISTICATED PALATES, IT'S TIME FOR THE TREAT I PROMISED!
PRESENTING A FASHION SHOW SPECTACULAR! FRESH FROM THE RACKS! THE LATEST IN PETITE DESIGNER DRESSES! EACH ONE READY TO WEAR!
GROAN!
WHAT ABOUT IT, GIRLS? WHICH ONES DO YOU LIKE?
OH CRIMINY! I GUESS I'VE GOT MY EYE ON THAT HOT LITTLE NUMBER!
THEN THAT'S MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT TO YOU! EACH OF YOU GETS TO PICK A DRESS AND TRY IT ON!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR EVER-LOVIN' SKULL?
I KNOW IT'S EXTRAVAGANT BUT YOU'RE MY FAVORITE NIECES! CHOOSE YOUR OUTFITS AND SLIP INTO THEM IN THE DRESSING ROOM! YOU CAN MODEL FOR US!
GRUMBLE!
I'VE HAD ABOUT ALL I CAN TAKE!
I HEAR YOU, BROTHER!
I'M WILLING TO RISK OUR REPUTATION TO BE CLEAR OF THIS NIGHTMARE!

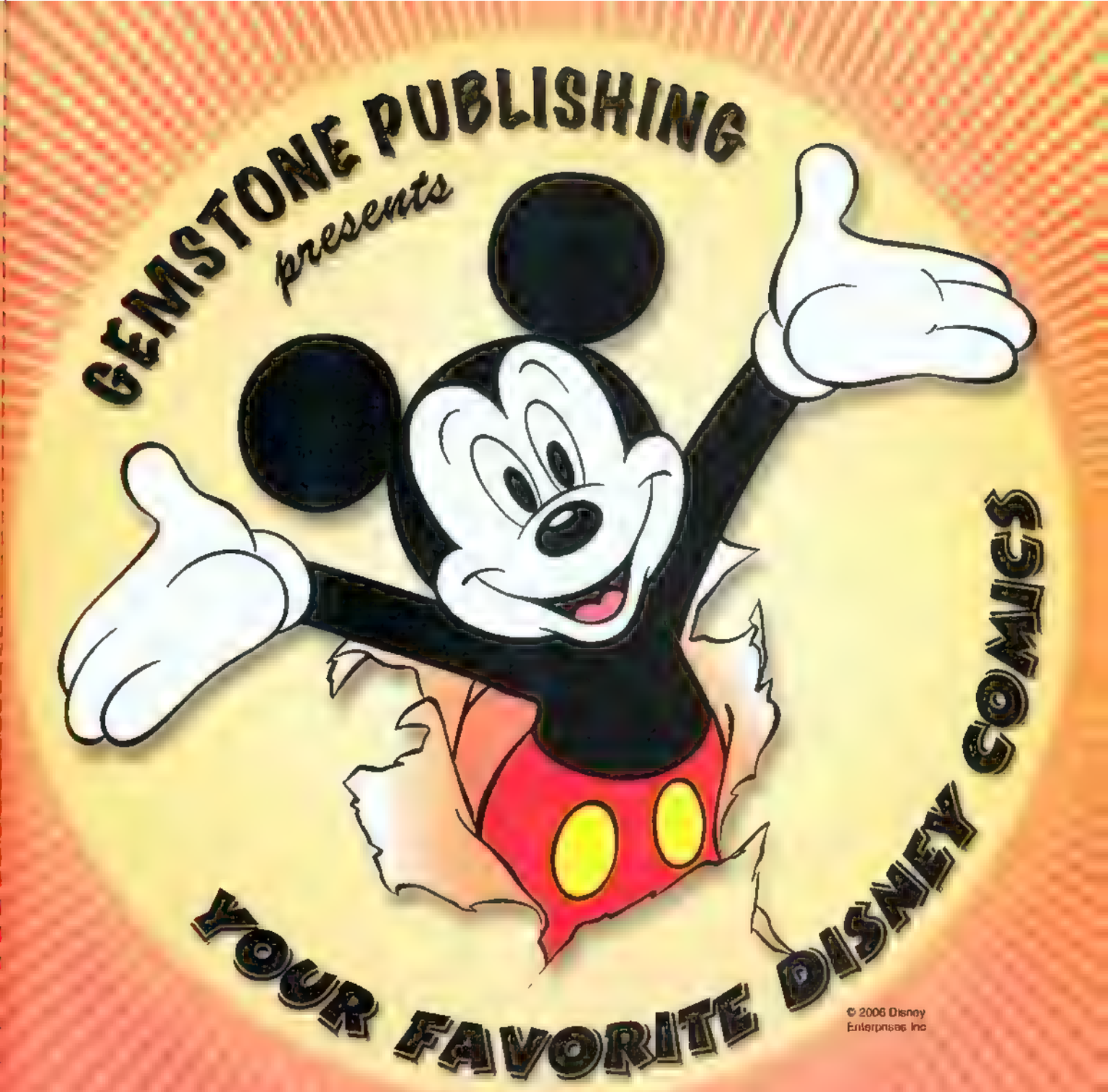

ELSEWHERE-
AH! A RUSHING RIVER IN THE PRIMEVAL FOREST! I'VE BEEN WAITING DAYS FOR THIS!
LET'S GO, FRAGMENTS! BAIT YOUR HOOKS!
WITH THOSE WRIGGLY WORMS?
YUCK!
FOR FUDD'S SAKE! DO I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING? THERE! NOW CAST OFF!
GLEEP!
WHAT DO WE DO? WE'VE NEVER FISHED BEFORE!
FAKE IT! HOW HARD CAN IT BE?
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SWING THE POLE LIKE SO, LET THE LINE REEL OUT AND...
RIPPP!
HMM! THAT'S NOT A FISH!
NO! IT LOOKS MORE LIKE UNCLE DONALD'S...
HAVE YOU MICROBES FORGOTTEN THE BASICS? GIVE ME MY SHIRT!
EYEW! GROSS!
THIS IS LIKE A BAD DREAM!
WORSE! IT'S JUST NO FUN!

WE'RE ALONE IN THE DRESSING ROOM, MEN! HERE'S OUR CHANCE!
RIGHT! LET'S ABANDON THESE FRUITY FROCKS AND BAIL OUT THE WINDOW!
EXCUSE ME, MISS DAISY! AREN'T THOSE YOUR GIRLS?
OH MY GOODNESS! THEY CERTAINLY ARE!
APRIL! MAY! JUNE! COME BACK HERE THIS INSTANT!
UH OH! WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED! POUR ON THE SPEED!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU GIRLS? YOU'RE RUINING EVERYTHING!
THEY'RE COMING AFTER US! LIKE SOME PSYCHO VIGILANTE MOB!
QUICK! INTO THE ALLEY!
DOUBLE TIME! THEY'RE RIGHT ON OUR HEELS!
A DEAD END!
WE'RE DONE FOR!
THE JIG IS UP!
GIRLS! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
OH, TO HECK WITH IT! WE'RE NOT YOUR GIRLS!
WE'RE HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE, AND WE'RE FURIOUS AT BEING PLAYED FOR PATSIES!
GASP! THEN WHERE ARE APRIL, MAY AND JUNE?
WE'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA!
DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS, UNCA DONALD HAS TAKEN THEM FISHING!


AT THE RIVER-
UNCLE-I MEAN, UNCA DONALD! WE'VE GOT A WHOPPER ON THE LINE!
HOW THE HOLY HAY DO WE LAND THIS BEHEMOTH?
YOU TERMITES KNOW THE ROUTINE! STAND YOUR GROUND AND REEL 'IM IN!
IT'S NOT THAT EASY!
SPLOOSH
OMIGOSH! MOBY DICK'S PULLED THE BOYS IN!
SPLUTTER! NOW WHAT?
GO WITH THE FLOW, I GUESS! =SPLORP!=
YIPE! THOSE POOR KIDS DON'T KNOW IT, BUT THEY'RE ABOUT TO ENTER THE ROUGHEST RAPIDS ALONG THE RIVER!
WHEEE! THESE RAPIDS ARE THE FASTEST NATURAL "ROLLER COASTER" RIDE GOING!
GOLLY! EVEN THOUGH IT'S SCARY-THIS IS LOADS OF FUN!


THERE THEY ARE!
BRUMBLE!
GREAT HONK! THEY'RE SHOOTING THE WATERFALL!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BOYS?
WE SURE ARE! THAT WAS THE MOST FUN EVER!
AND WE MANAGED TO HANG ON TO THIS WHOPPER THROUGH THE WHOLE RIDE!
FORGET THE FISH! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA HERE? YOU'RE NOT HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE!
ULP! OUR SECRET IS OUT!
DON'T BE MAD! WE TRICKED YOUR NEPHEWS INTO TAKING OUR PLACES AT A STINKY OLD TEA PARTY!
SINCE THEY DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS US, WE HAD TO DISGUISE OURSELVES AS THEM!
HOLD THE PHONE! ARE YOU TELLING ME THOSE TERMITES ARE PARADING AROUND IN GIRLIE DRESSES?
UH, OH!
LOOK AT YOU! HO, HO, HO! THAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN!
THE WORST HAS HAPPENED! WE'RE GETTING LAUGHED AT!
HOW HUMILIATING!

BUT BELIEVE IT OR NOT, OUR HUMILIATION IS OVERSHADOWED BY OUR ADMIRATION FOR YOU GIRLS!
IT-IT IS?
SURE! YOU RAN THOSE RAPIDS LIKE THREE ACES AND CAUGHT THE BIGGEST FISH IN THE RIVER!
WE FORGIVE YOU!
WELL, I DON'T!
I WENT TO GREAT PAINS TO PLAN YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY! AND YOU GIRLS JUST BLEW ME OFF!
BUT AUNT DAISY! YOU WEREN'T REALLY THINKING OF US!
THE BEST BIRTHDAY PARTIES ARE THE ONES WHERE THE GUESTS OF HONOR CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT!
AND GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!
HMPH! YOU'RE RIGHT!
AND SO-
YIPPEE! THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
EVERYBODY'S HAVING FUN!
EVERYBODY EXCEPT LINCA DONALD!
SHEESH! A PERFECTLY GOOD FISHING TRIP- RUINED BY TEA AND LITTLE FROSTED CAKES!



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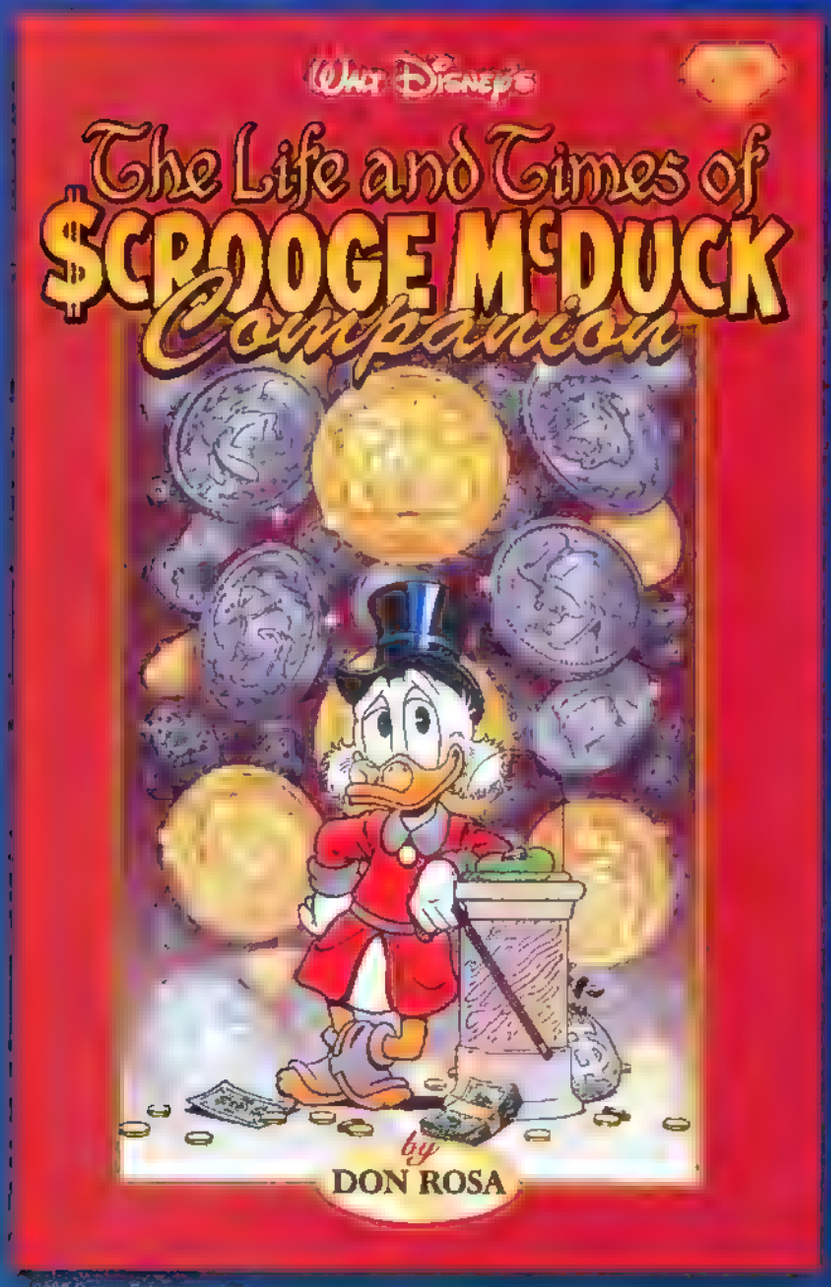

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You asked for them, and here they are... the prequels, the sequels, and the in-between-quels to Don Rosa's *Life and Times of Scrooge McDuck!* Filling in the gaps between the twelve original chapters are "The Cowboy Captain of the Cutty Sark" (Chapter 3B/*Uncle Scrooge* 318), "The Vigilante of Pizen Bluff" (Chapter 6B/*US* 306), "The Prisoner of White Agony Creek" (the all-new Chapter 8B!), "Hearts of the Yukon" (Chapter 8C/*Walt Disney Giant* 1) and "The Sharpie of the Culebra Cut" (Chapter 10B/*US* 332).

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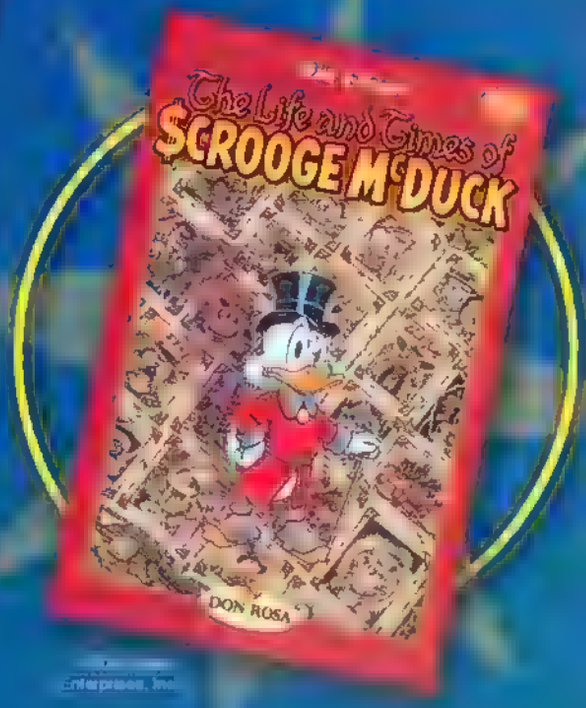

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BUCKY BUG
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HERE'S A LETTER, FROM 'WAY OUT WEST!
GRACIOUS! IT'S STAMPED WITH A GOLDEN CREST!
IT'S FROM MY GREAT-AUNT, COUNTESS BUG!!
HMM! WHAT'S SHE LIKE? FAT AND SMUG?
SHE SAYS, "I'M COMING TO VISIT YOU. I'LL ARRIVE BY COACH, IN A DAY OR TWO!"
SHE'S RICH, SO PROBABLY PUTS ON AIRS! BUT MAYBE SHE'LL MAKE YOU BOTH HER HEIRS!!
WE'LL CLEAN THE HOUSE UP, SPICK AND SPAN, AND PLEASE IN EVERY WAY WE CAN!
BUT WE DON'T CARE ABOUT HER WEALTH! WE'RE RICH ENOUGH.. .... WE HAVE OUR HEALTH!!
NOW, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT!
I HOPE THE STAGECOACH ISN'T LATE! THE ROAD IS LONG AND DANGEROUS! SHE MUST BE BRAVE TO TRAVEL THUS!
AND TRUE ENOUGH .... JUST AT THIS MINUTE, THE STAGECOACH, WITH THE COUNTESS IN IT, AFTER TRAV'LING IN SAFETY THUS FAR, NOW ENTERS THE PASS WHERE THE BADLANDS ARE!

THIS IS A STICK-UP!! HANDS UP, GUY! AND KEEP ON REACHING FOR THE SKY!
WHAT'S ALL THIS NOISE AND FUSS ABOUT?? TELL THAT ROUGH MAN NOT TO SHOUT!
ALL WE WANT IS JUST YOUR DOUGH! GIVE US YOUR PURSE, AN' THEN WE'LL GO!
INDEED I WON'T, YOU THIEF... YOU THUG!! YOU WON'T GET A THING FROM COUNTESS BUG!!
COUNTESS BUG! THIS IS A PRIZE!! HO! HO! A VERY NICE SURPRISE! IT'LL DO NO GOOD TO MAKE A FUSS! GET MOVIN', MA'AM! YER COMIN' WITH US!
YOU, DRIVER! YOU BE ON YOUR WAY! OUR HAUL IS BIG ENOUGH TODAY!
THAT MUST BE THE STAGECOACH NOW! LOOK AT THE DUST HE STIRS UP! WOW!!
HE DRIVES LIKE HE WAS IN A HURRY!
NOW, DAD, YOU MUSTN'T START TO WORRY!
HERE HE IS! LET'S ALL GO DOWN AND WELCOME AUNTY TO OUR TOWN!
SHE WILL BE SHAKEN UP, I FEAR, THE WAY THAT MAN DROVE, GETTING HERE!
SHAKEN UP,..OR SHAKEN OUT ?? SHE ISN'T ANYWHERE ABOUT!!
TWO BANDITS ROBBED THE COACH TODAY, AND TOOK THE COUNTESS BUG AWAY!!
AND WHEN HE TOLD WHAT HAD OCCURRED, THEY WERE TOO SHOCKED TO SAY A WORD!

I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT BANDIT PAIR! THEY HAVE A HIDEOUT CAVE SOMEWHERE!
OH, WHAT WILL POOR, DEAR AUNTY DO? ... ONE WOMAN MATCHED AGAINST THOSE TWO!!
WE'VE NOT A MINUTE'S TIME TO LOSE! TAKE ME THERE!! PLEASE DON'T REFUSE! YOU'LL RECOGNIZE THE SPOT, I KNOW..
SORRY, SIR, BUT I WON'T GO!! I'LL NEVER DRIVE THAT WAY AGAIN, UNTIL THEY'RE CAUGHT! WELL, ... SEE YOU THEN!
NO COACH, NO CAR.. .. THE NEED'S ACUTE, SO BUCKY MAKES A SUBSTITUTE!!
FROM FLOWER STALKS AND SCRAPS HE'S BUILT SOME HANDSOME, HANDY, STURDY STILTS!
NOW HIS STEPS ARE LONG AND WIDE! HE TAKES THE MILES IN EASY STRIDE! LIKE SEVEN-LEAGUE BOOTS, THEY TAKE HIM FAR! HE DOESN'T NEED A COACH OR CAR!
THE MAYOR'S BUSY, TOO... AT HOME, HE GETS THE SHERIFF ON THE PHONE!
THE SHERIFF BRINGS THE MAYOR'S HORSE! THEY'LL FOLLOW BUCKY BUG, OF COURSE!
BUT, MEANWHILE, BUCKY'S RAPID PACE HAS BROUGHT HIM NEARER TO THE PLACE WHERE THAT PAIR OF THIEVING THUGS KIDNAPED JUNE'S AUNT, THE COUNTESS BUG!

THIS MUST BE THE PLACE, I FEEL! HERE'S THE TRACK OF A STAGECOACH WHEEL! AND HIGH-HEELED FOOTPRINTS!! YES, IT'S TRUE! A LADY'S SHOES!! THIS IS MY CLUE!!
HE STOPS TO LISTEN TO THE SOUND OF VOICES COMING FROM AROUND THE BEND... THEY'LL SOON BE AT HIS SIDE!!
I'LL HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO HIDE!!
I'LL STEP BEHIND THIS SCRAGGLY TREE, AND MAYBE THEY WON'T NOTICE ME!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT OLD DAME? I'LL BET SHE'S RICH!!
I THINK THE SAME!
SHE'S PROB'LY WORTH BIG RANSOM, TOO!
THAT'S WHY I WANTA TALK TO YOU! THAT RANSOM STUFF'S A LOTTA FUSS! THE SHERIFF'LL SOON BE AFTER US, SO... WHAT WE'LL MAKE THE OLD GAL DO, IS WRITE A CHECK TO ME AND YOU!...
... A BIG ONE, FOR A LOT OF DOUGH! WE'LL CASH IT IN AN' THEN WE'LL BLOW!
WE'LL LEAVE TH' COUNTESS, GAGGED AND BOUND, IN OUR CAVE, WHERE SHE'LL NE'ER BE FOUND!!

WE'LL BE ON EASY STREET, BY HECK, WHEN WE HAVE CASHED THIS AMPLE CHECK!
IF SHE PUTS UP RESISTANCE NOW, WE'LL MAKE HER CHANGE HER MIND! AND HOW!!
SIGN THIS CHECK??! MY ANSWER'S NO!! I DEMAND YOU LET ME GO!
NOW, MAYBE THIS WILL KEEP YOU STILL! YOU TALK SO MUCH, YOU MAKE US ILL!
CROSS HER HANDS! TIE 'EM BEHIND! AN' JUST TO HELP HER CHANGE HER MIND, WE'LL GIVE HER NEITHER FOOD NOR DRINK!! THAT OUGHTA MAKE THE OLD DAME THINK!!
BUCKY STEPS OUT FROM THE TREE. THE COAST IS CLEAR, AS HE CAN SEE...
I'LL FOLLOW THEM, WITH CAUTIOUS CARE, AND TRACK THOSE ROBBERS TO THEIR LAIR!
THERE IS THE CAVE!! IT'S BIG AND WIDE! I'LL GO AND TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!
THE SHADOWS MAKE THE CAVE LIGHT DIM, BUT BUCKY SEES WHAT INTRESTS HIM, ... JUNE'S AUNT, THE COUNTESS, BEING TIED, BY THOSE CRUEL RUFFIANS AT HER SIDE !!!

STOP, YOU VILLAINS!! SET HER FREE!! OR YOU WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME!!
JUMPIN' JEEPERS!! PIPE DAT GUY! HE LOOKS LIKE HE WAS TWO MILES HIGH!!
HE CAN'T COME BUTTIN' IN LIKE THIS! I'LL CUT HIM DOWN TO SIZE, WITH THIS!!
BANG
BUCKY JERKS BACK JUST IN TIME, OUT OF THE GUNMAN'S FIRE LINE! THE BULLET STRIKES A ROCK... BOUNDS BACK... AND SPLINTERS BUCKY'S STILTS...
UGH!
CRACK!
THE JOLT SNAPS BUCKY IN THE AIR! LUCKY FOR HIM, THE LEDGE IS THERE!
WHERE IN THE WORLD DID THAT GUY GO?! MY BULLET HIT HIM... .. THAT I KNOW!
SEEMS TO ME IT'S KINDA WEIRD, THE WAY THAT FELLA DISAPPEARED!
WITH STEALTHY STEP AND CAUTIOUS SLIDE, BUCKY SLIPS IN FROM THE SIDE. THE BANDITS, PEERING O'ER THE EDGE, DON'T KNOW HE LANDED ON THE LEDGE.

IF I AM QUIET, I CAN GET MY FINGERS ON THIS LARIAT! AND IF I'M QUICK, WELL, LIKE AS NOT, I'LL CATCH TWO BIRDS WITHOUT A SHOT!
SNAP! THE ROPE SWINGS THROUGH THE AIR, AND SETTLES DOWN AROUND THE PAIR.
BEFORE THEY KNOW IT, THEY'RE CAUGHT RIGHT! BUT THEY'LL PUT UP AN AWFUL FIGHT!
SOCKO!
WHAM!
THEY PUNCH AND POKE! BUCKY'S WOUND UP IN HIS ROPE! IT SOON WILL BE A BATTLE GRIM... 'CAUSE NOW THE THUGS ARE CLOSING IN!
IF I CAN JUST UNTIE THESE ROPES, I'LL JOIN THE FIGHT AND BEAT THOSE DOPES!
THERE'S NOTHING BIG EXCEPT THIS STICK, BUT MAYBE IT WILL DO THE TRICK!
TAKE THIS, YOU THUGS! AND THIS..
CRACK!
WHACK!
NOW WILL YOU GIVE MY MONEY BACK?!
HERE, YOUNG MAN, TAKE THIS HEFTY STICK, AND GIVE THEM ONE MORE BEATING, QUICK!
?!

YOU DIDN'T PUT THE THUGS TO ROUT, YOUNG MAN, BUT YOU SURE KNOCKED 'EM OUT!
WE'LL TIE THESE FELLOWS GOOD AND TIGHT, SO WHEN THEY WAKE UP THEY CAN'T FIGHT!
HERE COME TWO MEN UPON A HORSE!
THE SHERIFF... AND THE MAYOR, OF COURSE!
YOO HOO! WE'RE UP HERE! COME THIS WAY!
IT'S COUNTESS BUG, HERSELF! HOORAY!! SHE MUST BE SAFE... AND BUCKY, TOO! JUNE WOULD BE GLAD, IF SHE BUT KNEW!
MEANWHILE...
I'M GLAD YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND! I COULDN'T BEAR TO BE LEFT BEHIND!
HERE THEY COME! OH, WELCOME SIGHT! BUCKY! AUNT! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT IT WAS YOU! I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE MY NEPHEW!
AND 'CAUSE YOU WERE SO BRAVE AND PLUCKY, AND SAVED MY LIFE TODAY, DEAR BUCKY, I'LL TELL YOU CHILDREN WHAT I'LL DO.... I'LL LEAVE MY FORTUNE ALL TO YOU!
The END

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DONALD DUCK
in FINAL REFUEL
SUZUKA, JAPAN! THE SETTING FOR THE LAST RACE OF THE FORMULA ONE SEASON! TEAMS McDUCK AND GLOMGOLD ARE NECK AND NECK...
IT'S CRUCIAL YOU WIN TOMORROW, DONALD! THERE'S A LOT AT STAKE!
SURE, UNCLE SCROOGE! IF I LOSE, YOU HAVE TO CARRY A SANDWICH BOARD FOR A YEAR...
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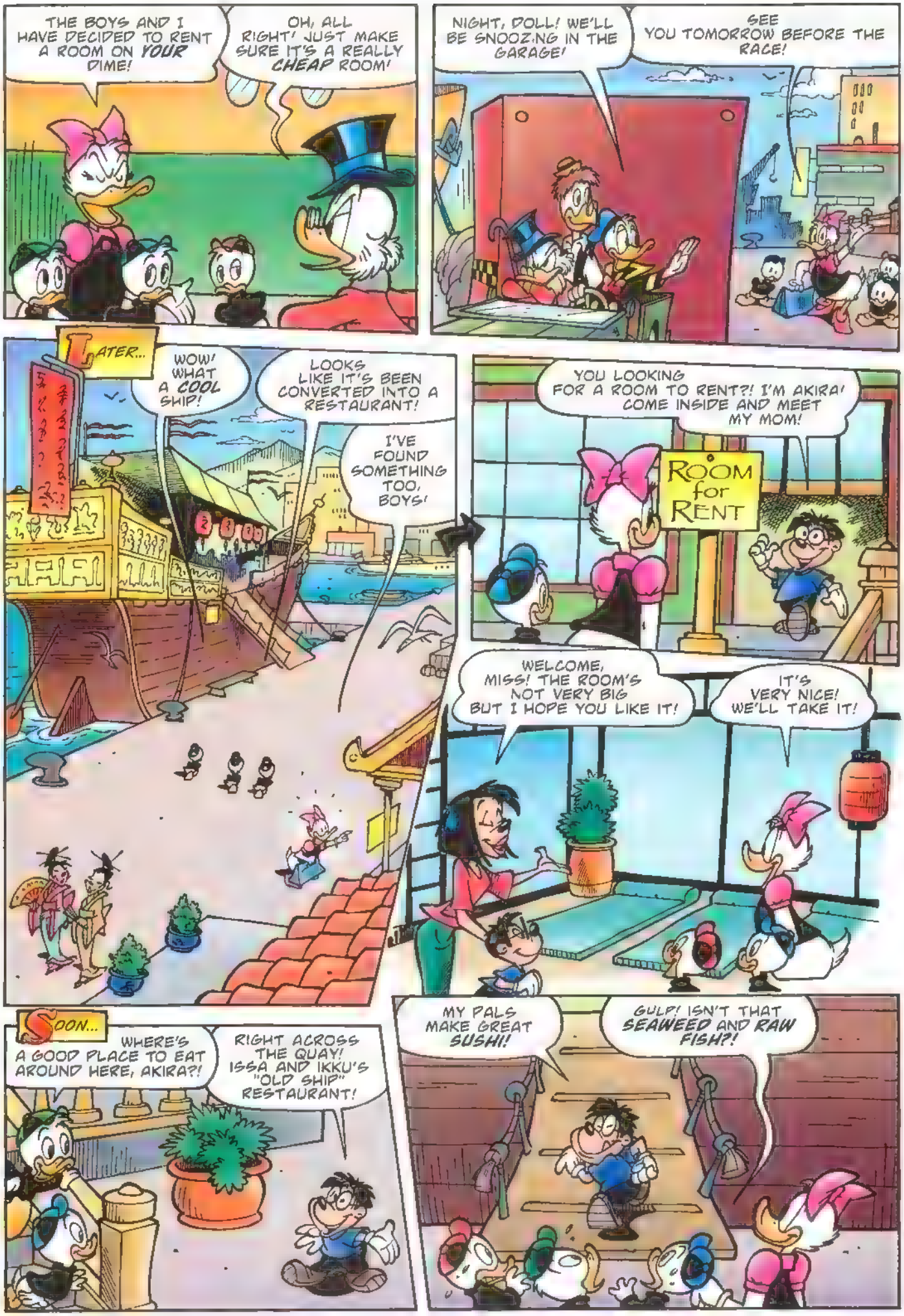
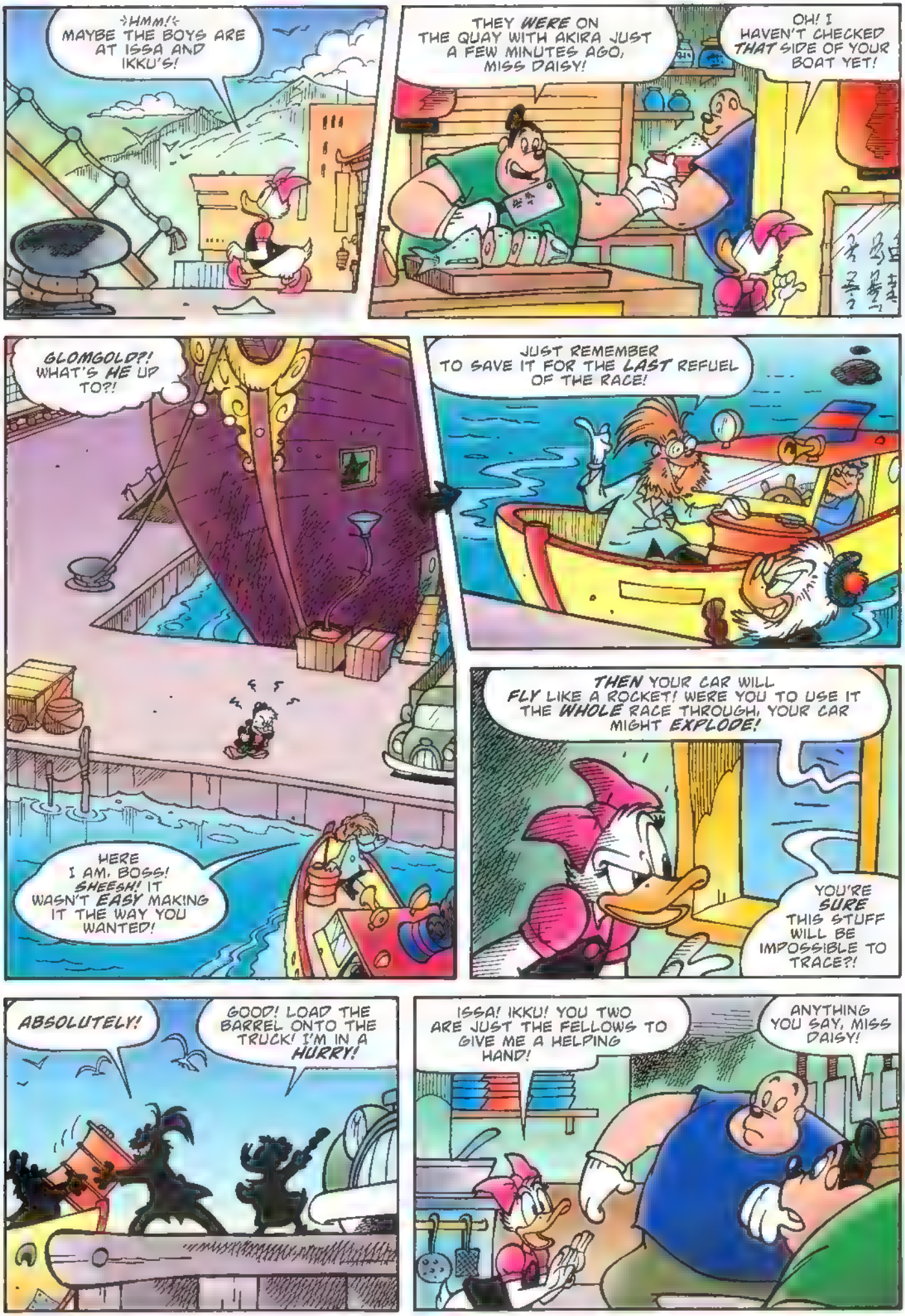
...ADVERTISING FLINTHEART GLOMGOLD'S PRODUCTS!
WHICH WOULD DRIVE ME NUTS! SO JUST MAKE SURE HE WEARS MY BILLBOARD INSTEAD!
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU BOOKED ANY HOTEL ROOMS, UNCLE SCROOGE?!
OF COURSE NOT, DAISY! THIS EXTRAVAGANZA HAS COST ME TOO MUCH ALREADY!
GUESS WHO JUST ARRIVED ON A RUSTY OLD FREIGHTER, BOSS!
MY FELLOW TIGHTWAD! LET'S MOSEY DOWN AND SAY HELLO!

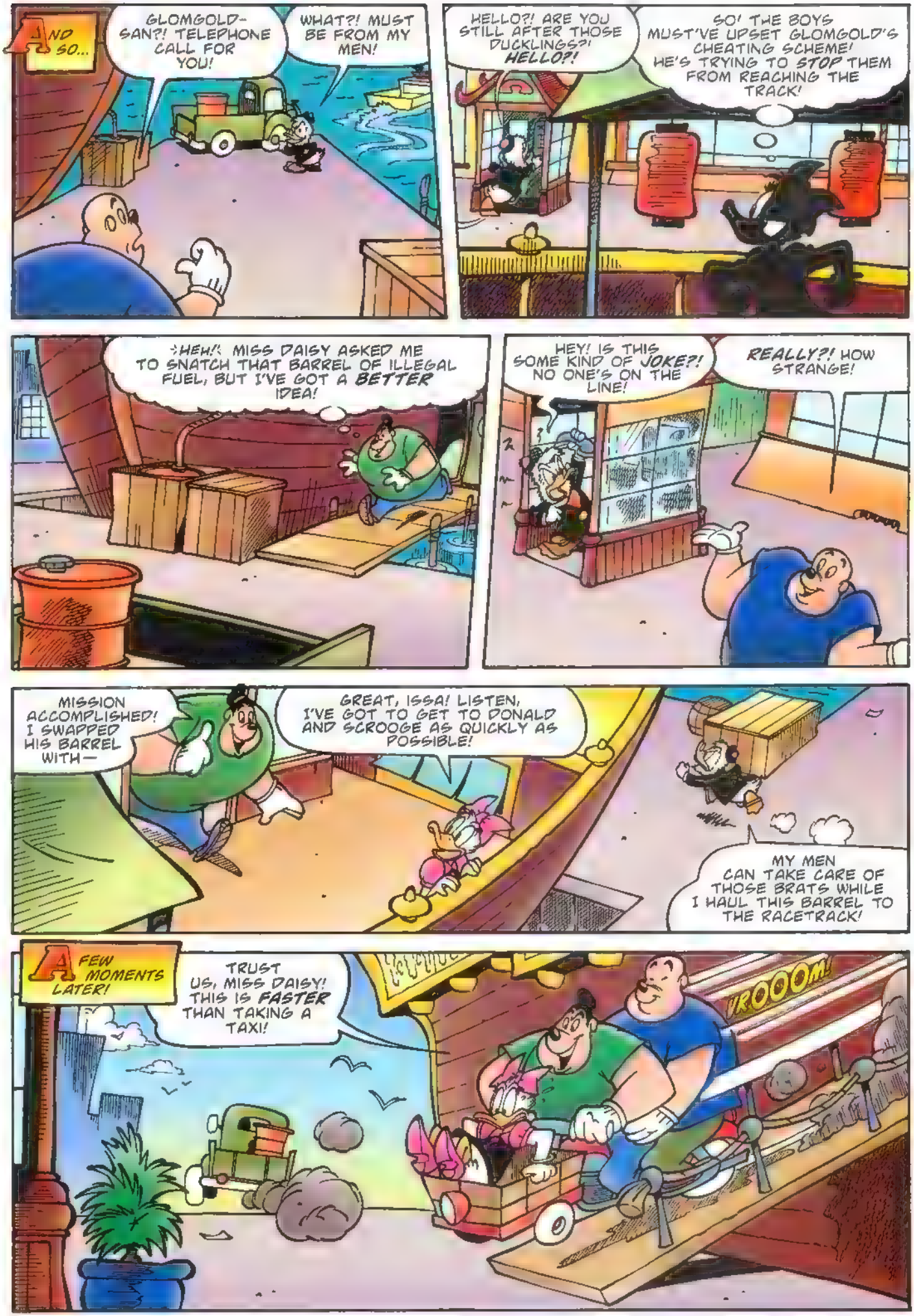
TRAVELING FIRST CLASS AS USUAL, EH, McDUCK?! I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D CARE TO CHECK IN AT OUR HOTEL?!
NOT EVEN IF YOU PAID ME, GLOMGOLD!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR DRIVER?! DOESN'T HE DESERVE A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP?!
AFTER ALL, IT IS THE NIGHT BEFORE HIS MOST HUMILIATING DEFEAT!! HEH! HEH!
WE'VE BEATEN YOU BEFORE AND WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!
NOT THIS TIME, WADDLER! THAT'S FOR SURE!
SNICKER!
THAT ARROGANT, SELF-SERVING...
YOU SAID IT! I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF HE'S GOT SOME DIRTY TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE!
YOU DON'T THINK HE'D TRY TO SABOTAGE OUR RACECAR?!
HE'S TRIED BEFORE! WE'D BETTER GUARD IT AROUND THE CLOCK!
COME TO THINK OF IT, THIS WAY I'LL SAVE ON ACCOMMODATIONS TOO!
WHAT?! AFTER A WEEK ON THAT LEAKY OLD TUB, YOU EXPECT ME TO SLEEP IN A GARAGE?!


THE BOYS AND I HAVE DECIDED TO RENT A ROOM ON YOUR DIME!
OH, ALL RIGHT! JUST MAKE SURE IT'S A REALLY CHEAP ROOM!
NIGHT, DOLL! WE'LL BE SNOOZING IN THE GARAGE!
SEE YOU TOMORROW BEFORE THE RACE!
LATER...
WOW! WHAT A COOL SHIP!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN CONVERTED INTO A RESTAURANT!
I'VE FOUND SOMETHING TOO, BOYS!
YOU LOOKING FOR A ROOM TO RENT?! I'M AKIRA! COME INSIDE AND MEET MY MOM!
ROOM for RENT
WELCOME, MISS! THE ROOM'S NOT VERY BIG BUT I HOPE YOU LIKE IT!
IT'S VERY NICE! WE'LL TAKE IT!
SOON...
WHERE'S A GOOD PLACE TO EAT AROUND HERE, AKIRA?!
RIGHT ACROSS THE QUAY! ISSA AND IKKU'S "OLD SHIP" RESTAURANT!
MY PALS MAKE GREAT SUSHI!
GULP! ISN'T THAT SEAWEED AND RAW FISH?!

HELLO, AKIRA! NEW FRIENDS FROM ABROAD?!
THAT'S RIGHT, ISSA! I TOLD THE LADY YOU MAKE THE BEST SUSHI IN TOWN!
I DON'T THINK THE BOYS ARE IN THE MOOD TO TRY ANYTHING NEW, THOUGH..
SIGH! I GET IT! BURGERS AND FRENCH FRIES OKAY?!
OOH, YES! ME TOO, PLEASE, ISSA!
HEAR THAT, IKKU?! FOUR HAMBURGERS!
WITH FRIES! BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO CHANGE THE OLD OIL IN THE DEEP FRYER!
OTHERWISE OUR RESTAURANT'S GONNA SMELL LIKE A CHEAP GRILL!
GLURP! GLURP!
SHORTLY...
MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU KIDS WILL TRY OUR SUSHI!
IT WAS WONDERFUL! GOODNIGHT!
NEXT MORNING, IN THE GARAGE AT THE RACE-TRACK...
YAAWN!
UNGH! I ACHE ALL OVER!
AT LEAST WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY UNWANTED GUESTS DURING THE NIGHT!

MEANWHILE!
WE'RE GONNA FIND AKRA AND SAY SO LONG BEFORE WE HEAD FOR THE RACETRACK!
OKAY, KIDS! I'LL MEET YOU ON THE QUAY IN A MINUTE!
YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?!
SHHH! LOOK WHO'S HERE!
GRUMBLE! HE'S LATE! IF HE DOESN'T SHOW UP IN TIME, I'LL RIP HIS HEAD OFF!
CAN'T WE WIN WITH-OUT THAT... STUFF?!
MAYBE! BUT I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANYTHING TO CHANCE!
HEY, BOSS! MCDUCK'S NOSY NEPHEWS!
LET'S CHASE 'EM OFF!
WAIT! THEY MIGHT HAVE HEARD ENOUGH TO GET SUSPICIOUS!
MAKE SURE THEY DON'T GET TO THE TRACK BEFORE THE RACE! AFTERWARDS, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVE ANYTHING!
WHY ARE WE RUNNING?!
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! JUST HELP US GIVE THOSE GORILLAS THE SLIP!


HMM! MAYBE THE BOYS ARE AT ISSA AND IKKU'S!
THEY WERE ON THE QUAY WITH AKIRA JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO, MISS DAISY!
OH! I HAVEN'T CHECKED THAT SIDE OF YOUR BOAT YET!
GLOMGOLD?! WHAT'S HE UP TO?!
JUST REMEMBER TO SAVE IT FOR THE LAST REFUEL OF THE RACE!
HERE I AM, BOSS! SHEESH! IT WASN'T EASY MAKING IT THE WAY YOU WANTED!
THEN YOUR CAR WILL FLY LIKE A ROCKET! WERE YOU TO USE IT THE WHOLE RACE THROUGH, YOUR CAR MIGHT EXPLODE!
YOU'RE SURE THIS STUFF WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE?!
ABSOLUTELY!
GOOD! LOAD THE BARREL ONTO THE TRUCK! I'M IN A HURRY!
ISSA! IKKU! YOU TWO ARE JUST THE FELLOWS TO GIVE ME A HELPING HAND!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, MISS DAISY!


AND SO...
GLOMGOLD-SAN?! TELEPHONE CALL FOR YOU!
WHAT?! MUST BE FROM MY MEN!
HELLO?! ARE YOU STILL AFTER THOSE DUCKLINGS?! HELLO?!
SO! THE BOYS MUST'VE UPSET GLOMGOLD'S CHEATING SCHEME! HE'S TRYING TO STOP THEM FROM REACHING THE TRACK!
HEH!< MISS DAISY ASKED ME TO SNATCH THAT BARREL OF ILLEGAL FUEL, BUT I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!
HEY! IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?! NO ONE'S ON THE LINE!
REALLY?! HOW STRANGE!
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! I SWAPPED HIS BARREL WITH—
GREAT, ISSA! LISTEN, I'VE GOT TO GET TO DONALD AND SCROOGE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!
MY MEN CAN TAKE CARE OF THOSE BRATS WHILE I HAUL THIS BARREL TO THE RACETRACK!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER!
TRUST US, MISS DAISY! THIS IS FASTER THAN TAKING A TAXI!
VROOOM!

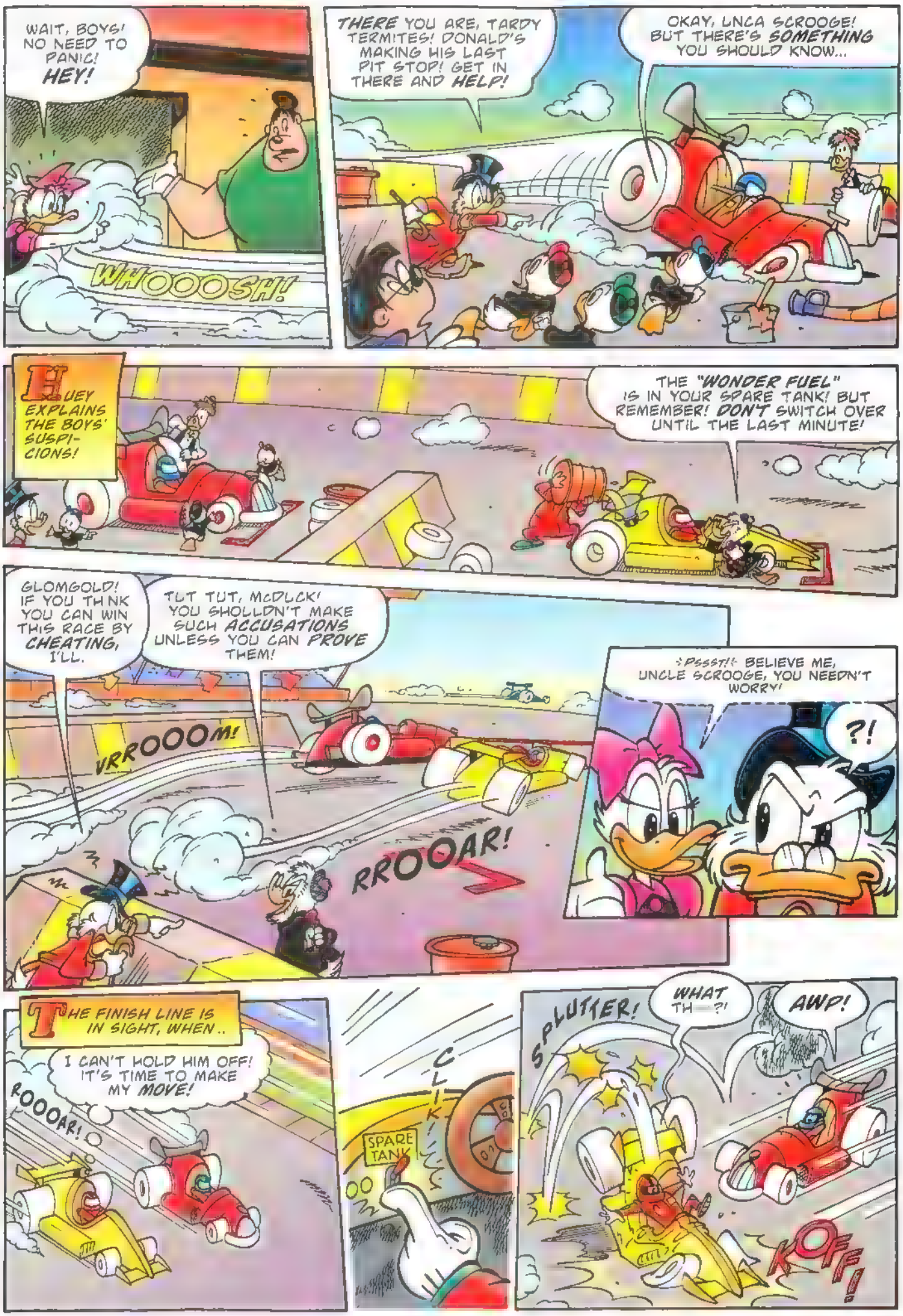
At the track, Team McDuck prepares for the big race!
Daisy and the kids should BE here by now!
They're probably off sightseeing!
UNNGH! Or still ASLEEP in some cozy, comfy BEDS!
CREAK!
Wrong, Donald!
These mugs don't give up, do they?!
We've gotta think of SOMETHING!
Yeah! Something WILD! This way, guys!
?!
My uncle's workshop! I have a key 'cause he lets me help out!
What KIND of workshop, Akira?!
CLIK!
WOW!!
Cool, huh?! We built 'em for a MOVIE!
They ran in here! Suckers!
The door's not even locked!
SWITCH!
AAAIIEEE!

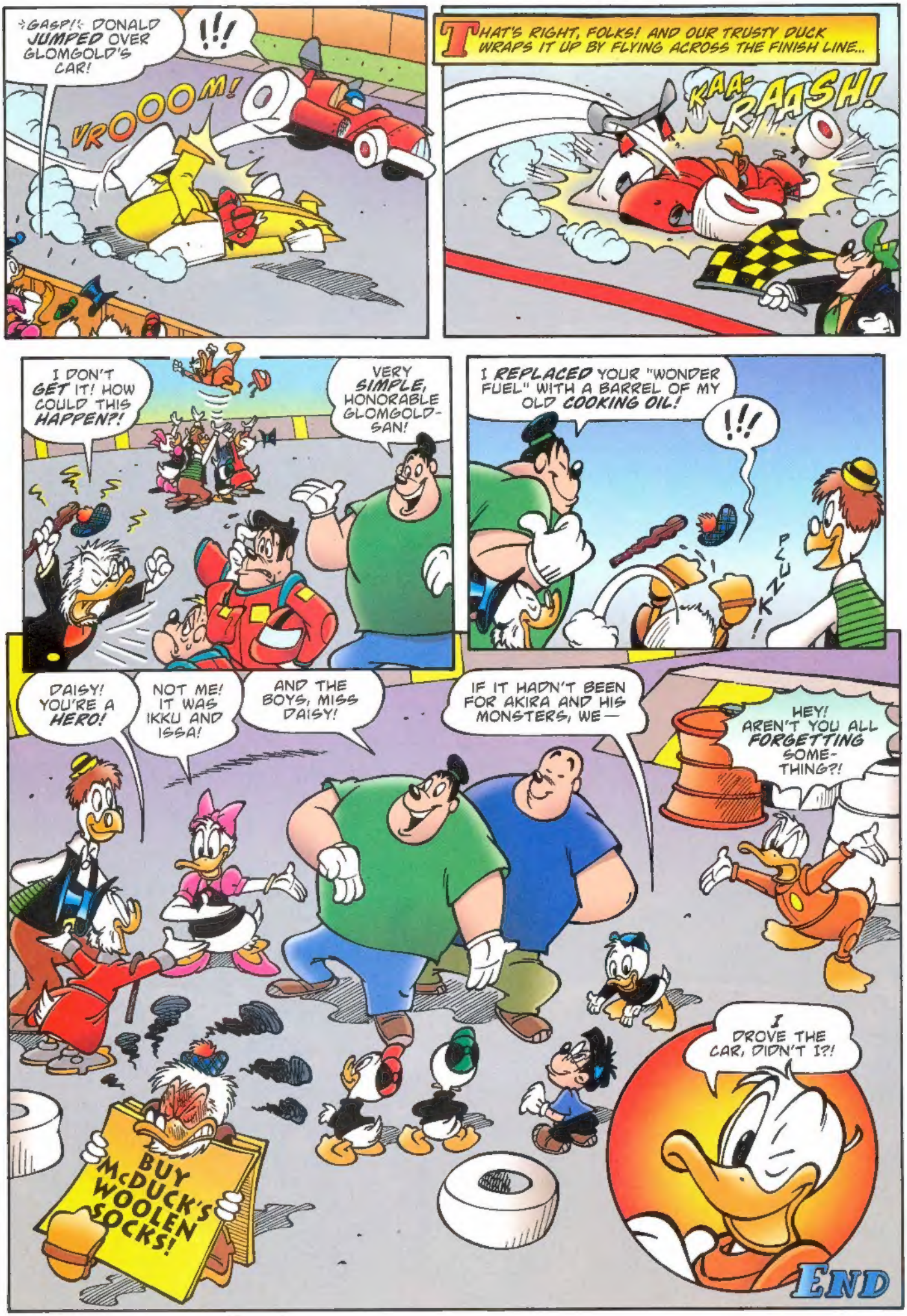
GREAT, AKIRA! THEY'RE FANTASTIC!
TSK! THAT BOY! PLAYING WITH HIS MECHANICAL MONSTERS AGAIN!
HAALP!
WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?!
QUICK! INTO THIS ALLEY AND OVER THE FENCE!
BAH! THEY'LL CLIMB THIS IN NO TIME FLAT!
DON'T MATTER! LOOK! WE'RE SAVED!
?!
SCREEECH!
SECONDS LATER.
MONSTERS?! FEH! A LAME EXCUSE! BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO CHASTISE YOU NOW! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE TRACK!
VUH-RROOM!
MEANWHILE!
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT GLOMGOLD'S UP TO NO GOOD! IT'S UP TO US TO WARN UNCA DONALD!
HERE COMES THE BUS TO THE RACETRACK! PERFECT!

AND AT THE TRACK...
GLOMGOLD'S DRIVER SURE LOOKS NERVOUS! HE'S ON PINS AND NEEDLES WAITING FOR HIS BOSS AND MECHANICS TO SHOW UP!
WELL, IT'S GOOD TO KNOW I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE FEELING SHAKY!
HMF! DAISY AND THE BOYS ARE MISSING TOO! I HOPE THERE'S NO CONNECTION!
THIS WAY WE DON'T GET CAUGHT IN ANY TRAFFIC JAMS!
GASP!
VROOOM!
SCREEE!
AARGH! OUTTA MY WAY! I'M IN A HURRY!
HONK! HONK!
THE DECIDING RACE! AND IT LOOKS LIKE A FIERCE FIGHT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP!
I KNOW I CAN W.N! ACTUALLY, I'M SCARED TO LOSE!
WHERE'S THE BOSS WITH THAT "WONDER FUEL"?!
RROOAR!
GOOD THING THE BUS DRIVER AGREED TO CARRY YOUR MONSTERS!
HEH! HOW COULD HE REFUSE?! GOTTA ADMIT THEY'RE INTIMIDATING!

LAP AFTER LAP, DONALD AND GLOMGOLD'S DRIVER BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE LEAD!
RROOAAR!
VROOOM!
WHAT A RACE! ALL THE OTHER DRIVERS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED! IT'S MCDUCK OR GLOMGOLD, THAT'S A FACT!
WE MADE IT! BUT SO DID FLINTY AND HIS GOONS!
OH BOY! MORE FUN WITH MY MONSTERS!
UNLOAD THE BARREL AND BRING IT TO—
BUH-BUH-BOSS!! LOOK!!!
WAAK! SPOOKY SPOOKS!!
BUT ALAS...
HUH?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
CHOFF!
THUMP!
OH NO! THE REMOTE CONTROL'S BATTERIES JUST DIED!
BATTERIES?! GRRR! GET THOSE KIDS!
AND SO...
STASH THEM IN OUR GARAGE UNTIL THE RACE IS OVER! I'LL DELIVER OUR WONDER FUEL!

A FEW MILES FROM THE TRACK!
DON'T WORRY, MISS DAISY! WE'LL HAVE THIS FIXED IN A JIFFY!
I SURE HOPE THE BOYS ARE ALL RIGHT!
IN GLOM-GOLD'S GARAGE..
THE CREEP! THAT BARREL'S FULL OF ILLEGAL GAS!
AND WE CAN'T STOP HIM FROM USING IT!
THIS IS SO EXCITING! I ONLY HOPE DAISY AND THE KIDS GET TO SEE THE END OF THE RACE!
BESIDES, WE NEED THEIR HELP FOR THE LAST PIT STOP!
VROOOM!
MEANWHILE..
LOOK! SOMETHING'S WRONG! AKIRA WOULD NEVER LEAVE HIS MECHANICAL MONSTERS LYING AROUND!
GLOMGOLD'S MEN! I'LL BET THEY KNOW WHAT'S WHAT!
I SHOULD WARN YOU! MY BROTHER AND I ARE SUMO WRESTLERS...
AND WE REQUIRE INFORMATION!
SECONDS LATER!
GARAGE NUMBER SEVEN, YOU SAY?! THANKS A MILLION!
YOU'RE :GROAN!: WELCOME!
IKKU!
HOTCHA! LET'S GO, MEN!
CHOFF!


WAIT, BOYS! NO NEED TO PANIC! HEY!
WHOOOSH!
THERE YOU ARE, TARDY TERMITES! DONALD'S MAKING HIS LAST PIT STOP! GET IN THERE AND HELP!
OKAY, UNCA SCROOGE! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW...
HUEY EXPLAINS THE BOYS' SUSPICIONS!
THE "WONDER FUEL" IS IN YOUR SPARE TANK! BUT REMEMBER! DON'T SWITCH OVER UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!
GLOMGOLD! IF YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN THIS RACE BY CHEATING, I'LL.
TUT TUT, McDUCK! YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE SUCH ACCUSATIONS UNLESS YOU CAN PROVE THEM!
VRROOOM!
RROOAR!
PSSST! BELIEVE ME, UNCLE SCROOGE, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY!
?!
THE FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT, WHEN..
I CAN'T HOLD HIM OFF! IT'S TIME TO MAKE MY MOVE!
ROOOAR!
CLIK!
SPARE TANK
SPLUTTER!
WHAT TH—?!
AWP!
KOFF!


GASP!- DONALD JUMPED OVER GLOMGOLD'S CAR!
!!!
VROOOM!
THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS! AND OUR TRUSTY DUCK WRAPS IT UP BY FLYING ACROSS THE FINISH LINE...
KAA-RAASH!
I DON'T GET IT! HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?!
VERY SIMPLE, HONORABLE GLOMGOLD-SAN!
I REPLACED YOUR "WONDER FUEL" WITH A BARREL OF MY OLD COOKING OIL!
!!!
P
KZU
!
DAISY! YOU'RE A HERO!
NOT ME! IT WAS IKKU AND ISSA!
AND THE BOYS, MISS DAISY!
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR AKIRA AND HIS MONSTERS, WE—
HEY! AREN'T YOU ALL FORGETTING SOME-THING?!
I DROVE THE CAR, DIDN'T I?!
BUY McDUCK'S WOOLEN SOCKS!
END

"Hear that cheering? They did it for our readers!"—Mickey Mouse, showing the poet Dante just how divine a comic-book comedy can be, from "Mickey's Inferno" in *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 666. Please count me decidedly among that cheering throng!

I've never read Dante's *Inferno*. I've never seen it on TV. I've never even seen anyone attempt to read it on TV. Therefore, I can only judge this work as a comic book story. And, as such, it is truly one of the greatest works I have ever seen!

An amazing melding of verse, presumably in the style and structure of the revered Italian poet, and some of the best classic-Disney-type artwork to be seen in comic pages put this masterwork at or near the top of my list. And, as I'm certain you know by now, mine is a pretty extensive list.

I've had the pleasure of being awed by great comic book artists, from Carl Barks to Neal Adams, but rarely have I found myself so often lingering on individual panels, soaking up the richness of detail, as I have here. Demons that sport a *black* variety of the standard-issue white, four-fingered gloves worn by Disney characters, is just one wonderful example of this richness.

The captioned verse, by which Mickey chronicles our journey through the different circles of Hades, is, if possible, an even greater achievement than the art. It must be tough enough to compose the type of rhyming dialogue used for Bucky Bug, much less to tell this story in the mold of Dante *and* add considerable depth beyond that which is seen in the art and told in the ballooned dialogue. Sometimes, I found myself reading ahead in the verse and backtracking to the "comic portion" of the panels and, at other times, I did the reverse. The complex structure of the verse, and the consideration of every well-chosen word, indicates that this is far more than a mere translating of the original Italian work. It is quite the accomplishment in its own right!

The liberal sprinkling of characters from all walks of Disney-life, *circa* 1949, also made this tale an absolute joy. I'll presume Uncle Scrooge failed to make the "guest list" because he was too new at the time; or, perhaps, he had his own subdivision somewhere off-panel.

"Mickey's Inferno" stands as proof that we in the United States have, as of yet, only scratched the surface of the vast worldwide treasure trove of Disney comics material, particularly that of bygone eras. Please take advantage of the "extra room" afforded by the format of both *WDC&S* and *Uncle Scrooge*, and present more such wonders whenever possible.

—Joe Torcivia
via email

Until I struggled through the tiny drawings and plodding storyline and horrible rhyme schemes of "Mickey's Inferno," my least favorite Disney comic stories were those starring Bucky Bug. I could easily have believed that "Inferno" came from a 1950s issue of *MAD* and was written by Bill Elder and drawn by Wallace Wood. The storyline and characters were quite atypical and the modern dialogue only made the story worse.

—Steve Thompson
via email

Y'know, I didn't have a lot of expectation that the "significance" of the number six hundred sixty-six would be even hinted at. I mean, DC Comics came to that benchmark twice and basically ignored it. And that's a company that has Etrigan the Demon as a character.

I made a mostly joking suggestion to make sure to choose a cover picture that included Pluto. I figured that was probably as close as it would get.

Instead you far exceeded my expectations. For *WDC&S* 666 you sent Mickey Mouse to... er, the H-E-double-hockey-sticks place.

Granted, it's more a place of mud than fire and brimstone, but I guess that's to be expected. I'm pretty sure it gave the kids in Italy a lot of pause when getting ready to do something naughty.

Anyway, I'm sure Joe Torcivia and the rest have already praised this story much better than I ever could, but I just wanted to thank you for bringing it to us.

—Fritz Baugh
via email

"Mickey's Inferno" generated a lot of mail. More than enough for just one letters page. More next issue.

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